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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.50	9.24	10.39	12.00	1.15	2.31	4.48	5.59
Yennan ...Dep.	6.50	8.15	9.00	9.34	10.49	12.10	1.25	2.41	4.58	6.09
Shatin ...Dep.	7.01	8.26	9.11	9.45	11.00	12.21	1.36	2.52	5.09	6.20
Taipei ...Dep.	7.16	8.41	9.26	10.00	11.15	12.36	1.51	3.07	5.24	6.35
Taipei Market ...Dep.	7.31	8.56	9.41	10.15	11.30	12.51	2.06	3.22	5.39	6.50
Fanning ...Dep.	7.46	9.21	10.06	10.40	11.55	13.16	2.31	3.47	5.64	6.75
Shamshui ...Dep.	7.56	9.31	10.16	10.50	12.05	13.26	2.41	3.57	5.74	6.85
Shamshui ...Arr.	7.49	8.45	9.19	10.18	11.29	12.50	2.15	3.31	5.48	6.59
Canton ...Arr.	12.30	1.30	2.30	3.30	4.30	5.30	6.30	7.30	8.30	9.30

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	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Fanning ...	7.45	11.50	2.30	3.30	6.25
Shatauk ...	8.40	12.45	3.15	4.15	7.20

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FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.
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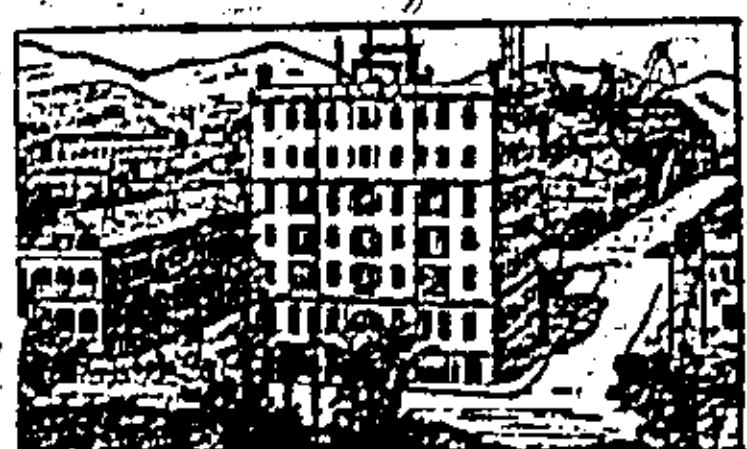
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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ORGAN.

DEDICATION NEXT WEEK

A SHORT HISTORY.

As announced recently, the de-
dication of the reconstructed organ
of St. John's Cathedral is to take
place on Wednesday evening.

In this connection a most interest-
ing illustrated booklet, giving the
form of service to be used at the
dedication, together with a short
history of the organ, a description
of the instrument, and the pro-
gramme of recitals arranged, has
been compiled by Mr. F. Mason, the
present organist at the Cathedral.
The book is exceedingly well ar-
ranged, nicely printed and bound,
and forms a souvenir well worth
acquiring.

The Dedication Service.

The dedication service will open
with a processional hymn, "All
People that on earth do dwell,"
which will be sung unaccompanied.
After the Clergy and Choir have
assembled in their places, the
Bishop will pronounce the dedica-
tory prayer.

The singing of an anthem will
follow, the music being by Sir
Joseph Barnby.

Prayers by the Cathedral Chap-
lain (the Rev. H. Copley Moyle) will
be followed by the anthem, "O
Praise God in his Holiness," with
the music by Hugh Blair.

Organ solos "Minuet," from
"Berenice" (Handel), and "Alle-
gro Maestoso," from Sonata No. 6
(Rheinberger) will be played, and
the service will be concluded with
the singing of "O Worship the King
All-glorious Above," the Blessing,
and Stainer's "Sevenfold Amen."
A collection will be taken for the
Organ Fund.

The Recitals.

Organ recitals will be given on
Friday, February 18th, at 5.45 p.m.,
by the Cathedral Organist; on Fri-
day, February 25th, by Mr. Rupert
Baldwin, A.T.C.L. (Organist and
Choirmaster of St. Andrew's
Church, Kowloon); and on Friday,
March 4th, by the Cathedral Or-
ganist. Further recitals will be an-
nounced later.

Full particulars of the three re-
citals mentioned are given in the
booklet, together with notes by Mr.
Mason and Mr. Baldwin on the
pieces to be played.

Cost of Organ.

It is interesting to note that the
cost of the reconstructed organ, in-
cluding the new Organ cases in the
Chancel and Lady Chapel is \$14,000.
Of this amount, \$4,000 has been col-
lected, leaving a balance of \$10,000
yet to be raised. It is earnestly
hoped, therefore, all who attend the
recitals will make liberal offerings to
the collections.

Cathedral Organists.

Organists at St. John's Cathedral
have been: Mr. C. F. A. Sangster,
1880-1895; Mr. A. Gordon Ward,
1895-1905; Mr. W. G. B. Denman
Fuller, 1905-1923; and Mr. Frederick
Mason, from 1923.

It has been a matter of some con-
siderable difficulty, says the his-
torian, to collect from the musty,
worm-eaten records, anything ap-
proaching a connected history of the
organs of the Cathedral.

The first mention of an Organ is
in 1838 when the Trustees passed
the following resolution:—"That
the Bishop be requested to com-
municate with Sir Frederick G.
Ouseley, Bart., Mus. Doc., Oxon, for
the purpose of securing a compet-
ent Organist."

Some little time previously, ap-
parently a new organ had been or-
dered from Messrs. Bryceson of
London, at a cost of \$25.

As the Suez Canal was not yet
opened, the organ was to be shipped
by the Cape to Hong Kong, and the
Organist was to come with it.
Later, it was decided that Mr.
Sangster, the newly-appointed Or-
ganist, should be instructed to come
overland, presumably by camel
from Alexandria to Port Suez, so
that he might reach Hong Kong
before the organ and make prepara-
tions for its erection in the Cath-
edral.

In 1864, the instrument is reported
to be in an unsatisfactory condi-
tion; the Choir Organ is described
as "unusable." In 1867, Messrs.
Bryceson, were instructed to send
out an expert from London. On his
arrival it appears the Organ was
completely reconstructed and some
additional stops put in.

Again, in 1883, the Organist states
that the instrument must soon "be-
come past service," and suggests a
new organ be ordered. This was
agreed upon and an order for a new
instrument given to Messrs. Walker
and Sons. The new Organ reached
the Colony in 1887.

(Continued on next column.)

BUSINESS IN RUSSIA.

ARRESTS AND TRANS-
PORTATION.

ALLEGED PROFITEERS.

A message from Leningrad re-
ports that wholesale arrests of
business men have taken place on
a charge made by the Soviet
authorities that they sold goods at
speculative prices. All their prop-
erty, it is stated, will be confiscated
for the benefit of the State, and the
men themselves will be transported
to Siberia. It is reported
also that a number of public ser-
vants have been arrested on the
charge of permitting the merchants
to commit these illegalities.

Considerable discussion took place
as to the disposal of the old organ,
a suggestion to "muffle it" was not
received with approval. Even-
tually it was sold to the Union
Church. (It may be mentioned
here that when the Union Church
purchased a new organ, in 1917, the
old Bryceson organ was disposed
of as "scrap.") The Swellbox,
however, (a good one), still sur-
vives, doing service again in the
Cathedral as the Choir well-box.

For some years the Walker organ
appears to have successfully with-
stood the climatic conditions (at any
rate, the records are silent on the
matter), and it was not until the
appointment of Mr. Denman Fuller,
F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., as organist, in
1905, that we read of repair work
being done. Very considerable re-
novations and alterations were
made from time to time by Mr.
Fuller himself, and many original
and ingenious devices were intro-
duced by him to check the ravages
of both climate and the dread white
ants.

In 1917, Mr. William C. Blackett,
of Messrs. Blackett and Howland,
came to the Colony to superintend
the erection of a new organ, built
by his firm for the Union Church.
Advantage was taken of the occa-
sion to seek his advice and assist-
ance in effecting further repairs and
improvements to the Cathedral in-
strument.

In addition to repairs or re-plac-
ements of defective parts, some new
stops were added. In 1918, an
electric blower, the gift of Mr.
Denman Fuller, was installed.
In the winter of 1924, the Organ
completely broke down during a
spell of dry weather, and an exten-
sive examination revealed the fact
that the instrument had reached
the stage when further "patching
up" was impossible. Sound-boards,
reservoirs and wind-trunks were in
a deplorable condition and the al-
ready worn-out tracker action be-
yond hope of renovation.

Mr. Blackett was asked to draw
up a scheme for a complete re-build-
ing of the instrument. Consider-
ing the fact that the old mechanism
had done duty for nearly forty
years, such a scheme was long over-
due.

The work, having been sanctioned
by the Church Body, was put in
hand in February, 1925, and Mr.
Blackett is to be heartily con-
gratulated on the results achieved.
During the whole of the time of
re-construction, the Organ has not
been entirely out of use for a
single Sunday, the work being un-
deraken in sections. Whilst the
new Console was being installed a
temporary manual to the Choir
organ was placed in the Choir-
stalls. During the work of re-
building the Organ a scheme was
brought forward for a new Altar
and Screen for the Side Chapel,
and a discussion of this scheme led
to the decision to include, also,
a new Organ case, to be placed above
this Screen. This new Organ-case
made it possible to remove the
Pedal Violine from its very unsuit-
able position on the floor behind
the Altar. The marked improve-
ment in appearance that this Case
produced led to the decision to have
a Chancel Organ-case also.

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edral generally. They are con-
structed of finely polished teak,
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wood-carving being a feature. Un-
doubtedly, the results are worthy
of the Cathedral, and we now have
an instrument which gains the ap-
probation of all who inspect it.

We cannot close this description
of the work, above the authors, with-
out mentioning the name of Capt.
R. H. Douglas, who has, through-
out, devoted much time and thought
to the whole scheme. His advice
and continued interest have been
greatly appreciated by all concern-
ed. To Mr. Blackett also, our
heartiest thanks are due for his un-
tiring care and supervision. It
should be mentioned that the de-
signs of the Cases of both Chancel
and Side Chapel are his own.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30
p.m.
Dance, U.S.R.C., 9 p.m.
Fancy Dress Ball, Peak Club,
9.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "La Boheme."
World Theatre: "Long Live The
King."

Star Theatre: "Wife of the
Centaur."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe
via Negapatam, letters only
(Shirazi), Europe via Siberia
(Hakozaki Maru).

Saturday.

Commemoration of the Proclama-
tion of the Republic at Peking.
President Lincoln's birthday.
Annual meeting Humphrey's
Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.
Yachting: 9th and last Cham-
pionship Race (racing yachts).
Football and Cricket: details in
Saturday's issue.

Fanning Hunt Steeplechase Meet-
ing, Kwantai, 3.15 p.m.

Football: Eastern and Southern
China v. Hong Kong Interport
Team, H.K.F.C. ground, 3.30 p.m.

"At Home" St. Peter's Church
Young Men's Club, 4.30 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30
p.m.

Repulse Bay Hotel dinner dance.
H.M.S. Hermes dance Hotel
Savoy.

Queen's Theatre: "La Boheme."
World Theatre: "Long Live The
King."

Star Theatre: "Wife of the
Centaur."

Principal Mails:—Inward:
Europe via Siberia (Aikawa),
Outward: Europe via Marseilles
(Hakozaki Maru), 9.30 a.m.;
America, etc. (President Taft), 5
p.m.

Sunday.

Fanning Hunt meet, Sheung Shui
Police Station, 9.30 a.m.
Yachting: 9th Championship race
(cruisers).

Cricket: Sindhi Merchants v.
I.R.C. 2nd XI, on I.R.C. ground.
Football: Eastern China v. Club
de Recreo, H.K.F.C. ground.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe
via Negapatam, papers only (Zai
San).

Monday.

Yachting: Ladies' Section sail
off the off of Championship in
Handicap Class; Menagerie race
for all classes.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30
p.m.

H.K. Philharmonic Society re-
hearsal (H.M.S. Pininfare), Cath-
edral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A.,
etc. (President Monroe).

Tuesday.

Extraordinary meetings of Union
Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.;
British Traders' Insurance Co.,
Ltd.; and The China Fire In-
surance Co., Ltd., at Union Building,
at noon, 12.15 p.m., and 12.30 p.m.
respectively.

Annual sale of work of Mothers'
Union, Helena May Institute, 3
p.m.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30
p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward:
Europe via Marseilles (Sphinx),
2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30
p.m.

Dedication St. John's Cathedral
Organ, 5.45 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward:
Canada, America, etc.: Europe via
Vancouver, B.C. and via Siberia
(Empress of Russia), 10 a.m.

Thursday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Hotel Savoy tea dansant, 4.30
p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward:
Musical, Helena May Institute,
5.30 p.m.

Debate, European, Y.M.C.A.,
Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A.,
etc. (President Wilson).

To Secretaries.

[Secretaries of clubs and associa-
tions, etc., are kindly requested to
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HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

[ORDERS BY LT.-COL. L. G. BIRD, D.S.O., ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.]

No. 284.

1.—Brevet-Major Robert Alexander Wolfe-Murray, D.S.O., M.C., The Gordon Highlanders, takes over duties of Adjutant from Capt. G. H. H. Bell, 2nd Battalion, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, as from February 8th, 1927.

2.—Command of Company.

Capt. S. J. Jordain, M.C., took over command of the Infantry Co. from Lieut. E. J. R. Mitchell, as from February 9th, 1927.

3.—Dress.

In future all men parading at Volunteer Headquarters when their platoon is warned for drill will bring belt and frog with them and wear same.

4.—Field Day.

Sunday, February 13th, 1927. Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 9 a.m.

Dress: Khaki jacket, shorts, puttees, boots, helmets, belts, braces and pouches (or bandoliers), haversacks and water bottles, rifles and bayonets.

Haversack rations will be carried. This will count as one day in Camp for those who have been unable to complete the requisite four days.

Arms: Must be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, February 11th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 7 p.m. and on Saturday, February 12th, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5.—Annual Inspection.

Tuesday, February 22nd, 1927.

(a) The General Officer Commanding, South China Command, will inspect the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, 1927, at 8 p.m. on Murray Parade Ground.

Every member of the Corps (Reserve Company included) is required to attend.

(b) The Corps less Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m.

One Marker from each unit will report to the Corps Sergeant Major on Murray Parade Ground at 5.30 p.m. They must know the number of files in their own units.

(c) Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies will parade on Murray Parade Ground at 5.15 p.m.

(d) The Corps will be drawn up as in diagram No. 1 which will be distributed to officers later.

Dress: Drill tunic, shorts and puttees, helmets, belts, rifles and bayonets. Medals will be worn if in possession; if not, ribbons 1 inch long. Chin Straps will be worn under the chin.

Mounted Infantry Company will parade with rifles, bayonets and bandoliers. Breeches.

Scottish Company will dress in the kilt with glengarrys, khaki tunics, sporans, diced hose tops, flashes and spats. Belts and frogs.

Officers' Dress: Khaki drill, breeches, puttees, Sam Brown belt, sword and sword knot, helmets.

PRACTICE PARADES.

Friday, February 18th, and Monday, February 21st, 1927.

Practice Parades for the above inspection will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, February 18th, in multi, and on Monday, February 21st, in uniform. Members are reminded that attendance at the G.O.C.'s Inspection is one of the qualifications for efficiency.

Arms: Must be drawn from Corps Headquarters on the following dates:—
Monday, February 14th, to Thursday, February 17th:—9 a.m. to noon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, February 19th:—9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

6.—Engineer Company.
All Sections will parade at Volunteer Headquarters on the following dates at 5.30 p.m.:—
Monday, February 14th, 1927.
Thursday, February 17th, 1927.
Squad drill with arms.

LIGHTS SECTION.

Owing to the fact that the light runs on February 14th and 17th as intimated in the Engineer Company Training Programme are at Lyemun and Stonecutters respectively, these dates are cancelled.

Two light runs at Belchers Fort will take place on February 17th and 24th, from 5.30 p.m. to 11 p.m. It is proposed to run the Belchers Lights in conjunction with the Royal Engineers and Royal Artillery at Stonecutters on these nights.

Dress: Uniform—Tunics, trousers, belts, haversacks and waterbottles and caps. Sandwich rations will be provided by the Corps.

7.—Infantry Company.

There will be no further Company parades until after the G.O.C.'s inspection, but all members are expected to turn out on the following Corps parades:—
Sunday, February 13th: Field Day.
Tuesday, February 15th: Route March.
Friday, February 18th: Practice for G.O.C.'s inspection.
Monday, February 21st: Practice for G.O.C.'s inspection.
Tuesday, February 22nd: G.O.C.'s inspection.

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RUBBER MARKET.

SINGAPORE QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Singapore that rubber is now quoted at 65 cents per lb. The following dividends have been declared:—
Mentakabs: 10 per cent. interim, making 30 per cent. to date.
Tambakins: 7½ per cent. interim, making 12½ per cent. to date.
The following are the latest quotations:—

	Straits
Allenby	\$5.15 c.d.
Alor Gajah	2.50
Amalgamated Malays	2.70
Ayer Moleks	2.85
Ayer Panas	13.50
Balgownies	4.70
Bassett	1.35
Brogas	1.50
Bukit Jelotong	1.15
Bukit Katils	1.20
Changkat-Serdangs	10.25
Connemaras	2.90
Glenelies	2.85
Indragiris	11.25
Jerans	1.90
Jimbah	2.85
Kedahs	4.20
Kempas	9.30
Kuala Sidim	4.10
Lunas	4.05
Malaka Pindas	2.75
Malakoffs	5.10
Mandai Tekongs	0.75
Mayfields	15.50
Mentakabs	0.60
New Serendahs	5.20
Pajamas	2.90
Punggors	1.40
Sandycrofts	3.60
Soudais	2.90
Sungei Bagans	4.30
Tanahs	3.40
Tambakins	1.50
Teluk Ansons	16.00
United Malaccas	2.70
Utan Simpans	4.50

BABIES FOR SALE IN CHICAGO.

An organised "baby market" has been discovered in Chicago. From it women desiring to deceive husbands or levy tribute on errand boys could buy babies for from \$250 to \$1,500. The discovery is attributed to blackmail a police official. She escaped, but three women were arrested and charged with operating the market. One is the wife of a physician who committed suicide shortly before his wife's arrest.

8.—Scottish Company.

Thursday, February 17th, 1927.
All Platoons full strength at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Arms Drill and preparation for General's inspection.
Dress: Mufti, with rifle, bayonet, belt, braces, frog.
All members are requested to make a special effort to attend this parade.

9.—Reserve Company.

The Lewis Gun Class will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, February 11th, 1927.
Dress: Mufti.

10.—Signalling Class.

Signalling Class will be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. every Tuesday evening.

11.—Musketry.

Referring to Musketry Programme dated January 18th, 1927. The musketry arranged for Sunday, February 13th, is cancelled.

12.—Strength.

The following recruit is taken on strength on February 7th, 1927, and posted to No. 2 Platoon (Infantry Company):—No. 1120 Pte. H. Hampton.

13.—Promotions And Appointments.
The following promotions and appointments will take effect from February 9th, 1927:—

NO. 1 PLATOON.
No. 1020 Pte. H. C. Burgess to be Lance-Corporal.

NO. 2 PLATOON.
No. 750 Pte. C. R. F. Johnson, M.M., to be Corporal.

14.—Leave.
The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 753 Pte. F. G. L. Wheeler, No. 1 Platoon, from March 1st, 1927, to December 31st, 1927.

No. 271 Pte. J. O. Dick, No. 2 Platoon, from February 1st, 1927, to January 31st, 1928.

No. 600 Pte. A. W. E. Davidson, Reserves, Scottish Section, from February 1st, 1927, to March 31st, 1927.

No. 133 Corpl. L. S. Greenhill, Reserve Company, from February 18th, to April 15th, 1927.

No. 808 Pte. A. R. Kinross, Armoured Car Company, from April 1st, 1927, to October 31st, 1927.

No. 735 Pte. E. G. Jordan, No. 2 Platoon, from February 12th, 1927, to February 11th, 1928.

15.—Resignation.

No. 444 Lce.-Corpl. O. Skinner, Armoured Car Company, is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from January 26th, 1927, on leaving the Colony.
R. A. Wolfe-Murray, Major, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.
Hong Kong, February 11th, 1927.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FEBRUARY 10th, 1927.	
B. K. Bank	\$1,100 nom.
Do, London	\$120 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$21 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$23 nom.
Do, C.	\$24 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$24 buy.
East Asia Bank	\$31 nom.
Canton Insurance	\$855 buy.
China Underwriters	\$1 sel.
North China Ins.	\$14.145 nom.
Union Insurance	\$255 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$400 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$200 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$815 buy.
Douglas	\$30 buy.
Swanboats	\$23 sel.
Hong Kong Tugs	\$110 nom.
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$30 sel.
Do, (Def.)	\$39 nom.
Shall Transports	\$5/- nom.
Star Trans	\$55 buy, 55 sa
Waterboats	\$144 buy, 5 sa
China Sugar	\$23 sel.
Malacca Sugars	\$31 nom.
Bengals	\$130 nom.
Kailas Mining A.	\$3/- nom.
Langkai (combined)	\$14.25 nom.
Do, (single)	\$14.25 nom.
S'at Registrations	\$14.25 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$14.25 nom.
Haubi	\$31 sel.
Tromph Mines	\$21/- buy.
Ural Caspian	\$8/- nom.
H. K. & W. Wharfs	\$113 buy.
H. K. & W. Docks	\$40 nom.
Hongkows	\$14.165 nom.
New Engineering	\$14.25 nom.
Shanghai Dock	\$14.10 buy.
H. K. & S. Hotel	\$71 buy, 5 sa
H. K. Lands	\$31 sel.
Hong Kong Realty	\$51 buy.
H. K. Territorial	\$31 sel.
Humphreys Estates	\$13.60 buy.
Princes Buildings	\$39 nom.
Kwai Lands	\$14 nom.
Kwo Cottons	\$14 sel.
Oranite	\$14 sel.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$14 sel.
Do, (new)	\$14.25 nom.
China Buses	\$14.25 buy.
H. K. Tramways	\$22 buy, 5 sa
Peak Tram (old)	\$15 buy.
Do, (new)	\$15 buy.
Singapore Tractions	\$13 sel.
Taxis	\$14 sel.
Amusements	\$17 buy.
Canton Ice	\$5 nom.
Cementa (combined)	\$8 sel.
Do, (old)	\$6 sel.
Do, (new)	\$14 nom.
China Lights (comb.)	\$14 buy.
Do, (old)	\$11 nom.
China Provident	\$15 buy, 5.10/4 sa
Constructions	\$210 buy.
Dairy Farms	\$15 sa
Der A Wings	\$6 nom.
Hong Kong Electric	\$35 buy.
Macao Electric	\$35 nom.
H. K. Buses (old)	\$10 sel.
Do, (new)	\$5 sel.
Lane Crawford	\$8 nom.
MacKintosh	\$19 nom.
Sincere	\$24 sel.
United Asbestos	\$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	\$12 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$4 nom.
Telephones	\$3.60 buy.
Oriental	\$14.25 sa.
buy—buyers; sel—sellers; sa—sales nom.—nominal.	

ONTARIO MARRIAGE LAW.

Mr. Ferguson, the Premier of Ontario, announces an impending change in the marriage laws of the province which will permit ministers of religion from any part of the Empire to solemnise weddings in the province.

It will be recalled that owing to the present law Dr. Ingram, Bishop of London, was unable last year to conduct the marriage service at the wedding of his niece for which he had come specially to Toronto.

MEMORIES OF THE EAST.

When Lord Kitchener visited the Far East, his favourite amusement was to chat over his hobby of collecting Old China and Porcelain, and he spent many hours in Komor and Komor's Art Galleries inspecting the wonderful collection of genuine works of art that Mr. Komor had collected, and had on view.

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EXCHANGE.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

February 10th, 1927.	
ON LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2/0 9/16
Bank Bills, on demand	2/0 9/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	—
Documentary Bills, 3 months' sight	2/1 11/16
ON PARIS—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,260
Credita, 4 months' sight	1,335
ON NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	40 1/2
Credita, at 60 days' sight	5 1/2
ON BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	139 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	139 1/2
ON CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	139 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	139 1/2
ON SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA—	
On demand	89 1/2
ON MANILA—	
On demand	89 1/2
ON SINGAPORE—	
On demand	133 1/2
ON BATAVIA—	
On demand	nom.
ON HANKOW—	
On demand	nom.
ON HONGKONG—	
On demand	91 1/2
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	\$2.55
Gold Lira, 100 lire, per tal.	—
BAS SILVER, per oz.	26 11/16

ABD-EL-KRIM'S MEMOIRS.

REVELATIONS OF PLOTS AGAINST FRANCE.

Abd-el-Krim, the former leader of the Riff tribes in Morocco, and now exiled in the island of Reunion, is to contribute his memoirs to the *Matin*.

He will reveal some of the secrets of the European Powers' policies.

The Riff chieftain, it is stated, asserts that he received offers of arms and of money to attack French Morocco during the world war, when the French were obliged to reduce their forces there to skeleton strength.

"He maintains," says the *Matin*, "that while the hand of Germany was in it, the eye of Moscow collaborated in this manœuvre, and there were other Powers allied with France in Europe who did not hesitate to create for us the greatest difficulties in Africa."

Abd-el-Krim adds that his strength lay in his ability to mobilise tribes "drunken with glory" from their success against the Spanish.

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BOATMAN IN POSSESSION OF ILLICIT OPIUM.

INGENUOUS DEFENCE NOT
ACCEPTED.

Charged with unlawful possession of 2,000 taels of prepared non-Government opium, a Chinese boatman appeared on remand before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. Leo O'Almada appeared for the defendant, and Inspector P. Grant conducted the case for the prosecution.

A Chinese district watchman said that while he was on duty at Des Voeux Road West on January 29th he saw defendant at about 7.15 p.m. carrying a parcel. He asked what the parcel contained and defendant replied that it was only edibles. Witness took the parcel and on finding that it weighed over 50 lbs., he became suspicious. He told defendant that he would take him to the Police Station to have the parcel examined. Defendant at once offered witness "tea money" if he (witness) would accompany him to a certain house. Witness refused the bribe and took the defendant to the Station, where the parcel was opened and found to contain four 50 taels of opium.

Defendant in the witness box gave an ingenious excuse for his possession of the parcel. He said that he is the husband of the mistress of a passenger junk. The boat on the day in question was lying at Wan-chai. A well-dressed Chinese hired the junk at about 5.30 p.m. and requested to be taken to a Japanese steamer which was lying outside Kowloon Island. When the junk reached the steamer, the passenger went on board and after waiting about ten minutes, the passenger returned with a parcel. The passenger, instead of returning to Wan-chai, asked to be taken to the Magno Steamboat Wharf at Wing Lok Street. Defendant and his wife took the passenger there, and when the passenger was about to step ashore, he told the defendant that he had not got sufficient money to pay the fare, and requested the defendant to accompany him to a house, not very far, to get the money.

Continuing, defendant said that he followed the man, but after walking a few paces, he was asked by the passenger to carry the parcel. He took the parcel in his hands, and when going up the staircase of a house, he was accosted by the district watchman. While answering the questions of the watchman, he lost sight of his passenger. Defendant said that he did not have the slightest knowledge as to what he was carrying, and that he did not offer "tea money" to the watchman.

Addressing the Court, Mr. O'Almada said that the prosecution had failed to prove guilty knowledge. The defendant did not conceal the parcel in any way. He was carrying it in the ordinary course of his work as a boatman. Touching on the question of the liability of an agent, Mr. O'Almada said that no agent could be held responsible if acting for an owner in an undisclosed purpose, and there was (Continued on next column).

LAWN TENNIS.

ANNUAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

THE DRAWINGS AND PROSPECTS.

Below will be found the draw for the Open Singles and Open Doubles Championships of the Colony held under the auspices of the Hong Kong Cricket Club. Against the ties, are the respective dates on which they must be played and it is generally agreed that the adoption of this rule will tend to smother running of the tournament than hitherto.

The matches start from the first week of March and interest this year promises to be as great as ever. These Championships are the chief attraction of the Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the struggle for honours is expected to be keenly contested to the last.

A few comments here on the prospects of the different competitions will not be out of place. Much will certainly depend on how the contestants shape between now and the tournament, and the forecasts now made are from the current form and reputation of the players.

Open Singles.
In the first quarter Ng Sze Kwong, E. C. Fincher, Major W. B. Stevenson and Yew Man Tsun appear to be the best. The second and third named meet in the first round when a battle royal should be witnessed, with probably Fincher winning. The winner will meet Ng Sze Kwong. Yew Man Tsun should have no difficulty in qualifying to meet one of the three above named in the fourth round.

Trambitzky, Lau Man Kwong, A. B. Raworth, H. D. Rumjahn and H. Akiyama are the pick of those in the second quarter. Raworth is perhaps the most experienced, but he will find a strong player in Akiyama and a clever opponent in H. D. Rumjahn.

T. Honda, the champion, appears in the third quarter and should be able to enter the semi-final without difficulty. With him are Horace Lo, J. Cassumbhay, Col. Russell Brown, E. G. Howard, Yew Man Kit and Ng Sze Cheung, all of whom he is expected to beat.

There are a few good players in the last quarter including the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, M. W. Lo, C. Choa and S. A. Rumjahn (last year's runner-up).

As far as the drawings are concerned, the standard in the first and second rounds is expected to be better than last year. In all probability Yew Man Tsun, Ng Sze Kwong, H. D. Rumjahn, Akiyama, Horace Lo, T. Honda, S. D. Rumjahn and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander will be the last eight remaining.

Open Doubles.

There are many good couples and it is extremely difficult to make forecasts in this event. Redmond and Tottenham should go far. They are in the first quarter together with Major Stevenson and Rev. Alexander, and Yew Man Tsun and Yew Man Kit.

Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung, who appear in the second quarter, are expected to do well, but much will depend on the latter's form. S. E. Green and W. Hyde, of K.C.C., and Honda and Akiyama, of M.B.K., are the next best couple. The former will be a match for the Chinese Redmond and Tottenham should beat any couple in the first half and enter the final.

The Rumjahn cousins are in the third quarter and should reach the semi-final. M. K. Lo and Horace Lo, should give them a good game, but cannot be expected to defeat them. J. W. Leonard and Trambitzky are good players but do not combine well enough to beat the champions.

The Rumjahns will, in all probability, meet the Fincher brothers who are one of the most promising couples in the Colony. With the Finchers in the fourth quarter are Col. Russell Brown and L. Forster, I. M. Redmond and J. Cassumbhay.

The four semi-finals will probably be: P. A. Redmond and Dr. R. E. Tottenham; Ng Sze Cheung and Ng Sze Kwong; H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn; and E. C. and E. F. Fincher. The drawings follow:

Open Singles.

First Quarter.
11th March: Yew Man Tsun bye v. T. D. E. Fenderby.
11th March: Yu Tak Cheuk bye v. J. W. Leonard.

Ng Sze Kwong, bye, to meet winner of the following tie on the 14th March.
3rd March: Major W. B. Stevenson v. S. A. Rumjahn.
3rd March: Yu Tak Lam v. C. W. Cheng.

3rd March: E. C. Fincher v. M. K. Lo.
15th March: Winners to meet.
3rd March: F. B. Grose v. Hung Hui Chen.

4th March: D. S. Green v. F. A. Redmond.
15th March: Winners to meet.

Second Quarter.
4th March: N. Trambitzky v. E. H. Jacobs Larkcom.
5th March: F. B. Remedios v. W. J. Howard.

15th March: Winners to meet.
4th March: Lau Man Kwong v. H. B. Edwards.
7th March: T. Edo v. A. B. Raworth.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH CUP DRAW.

[THROUGH BRITISH AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 9th.
The draw for the third round of the Scottish Cup was made to-day and resulted as follows:
East Fife v. Dunfermline.
Dundee v. Celtic.
Rangers v. Hamilton.
Falkirk v. Mid-Annandale.
Buckie Thia v. Bo'ness.
Dundee U. v. Broxburn or Montrose.
Alloa v. Arthurlie.
Clyde v. Partick.
Matches to be played on February 19th.

YESTERDAY'S REPLAYS.
Aberdeen were unexpectedly defeated at home by East Fife in a Scottish Cup replay yesterday. The results were:
First Round.
Montrose 3, Dykehead 1.
Dundee 5, Kilmarnock 1.
Aberdeen 1, East Fife 2.
Dumbarton 0, Alloa 4.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE RESULTS.
Four Scottish League matches played to-day resulted as follows:
Airdrie 4, Morton 0.
Dundee U. 0, Falkirk 2.
St. Johnstone 3, Hamilton 2.
Motherwell 0, Cowdenbeath 0.

ENGLISH LEAGUE RESULTS.
Newcastle, the leaders of the First Division, were defeated at Manchester yesterday, while in the Third Division Bristol City were checked by Norwich. English league matches played resulted as follows:

Division I.
Manchester U. 3, Newcastle 1.
Division II.
Notts County 2, Wolverhampton 2.
Division III (South).
Crystal Palace 1, Exeter 0.
Bristol City 1, Norwich 1.

17th March: Winners to meet.
7th March: H. D. Rumjahn v. H. Utoero.
17th March: H. Akiyama v. G. Mickin.

17th March: Winners to meet.
7th March: S. Fujita v. Horace Lo.
8th March: S. S. Hussain v. W. B. Cornaby.

16th March: Winners to meet.
8th March: J. Cassumbhay v. T. Sasaki.
8th March: T. Honda v. E. G. Howard.

18th March: Winners to meet.
8th March: I. M. Razack v. S. E. Green.
8th March: Yew Man Kit v. Ng Sze Cheung.

21st March: Winners to meet.
8th March: Lum Peng Chin v. Col. Russell Brown.
9th March: T. Ema v. Dr. D. J. Valentine.

21st March: Winners to meet.
9th March: Cheong Tuck Wing v. Rev. F. R. W. Alexander.
10th March: M. W. Lo v. Major C. Willson.

22nd March: Winners to meet.
10th March: F. T. Orr v. C. C. Stark.
Capt. E. W. Morris bye to meet winners of former tie on the 14th March.

33rd March: S. A. Rumjahn bye v. A. H. Crook.
11th March: C. Choa bye v. R. M. Henderson.

Open Doubles.
First Quarter.
14th March: Major W. B. Stevenson and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, bye v. Capt. E. W. Morris and Lt. Sturges, bye.

14th March: Yew Man Tsun and Yew Man Kit bye v. J. Abe and H. Utoero, bye.
15th March: E. G. Howard and Capt. E. H. Jacobs Larkcom, bye v. Cheong Tuck Wing and Hung Hwai Chen, bye.

15th March: F. A. Redmond and Dr. R. E. Tottenham, bye v. A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker, bye.

Second Quarter.
15th March: Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung, bye v. Major C. Willson and B. K. Sayer, bye.
15th March: B. K. Valentine and Dr. D. J. Valentine, bye v. A. B. Raworth and J. D. Humphreys, bye.

15th March: B. F. Strange and D. S. Green, bye v. S. E. Green and W. Hyde, bye.
10th March: T. Ema and E. Edo v. F. J. Remedios and C. A. Barretto.

11th March: T. Honda and H. Akiyama v. Dr. J. B. Craig and W. L. Sparrow.
15th March: Winners to meet.

Third Quarter.
10th March: L. M. S. Lloyd and W. A. Nowers v. H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn.
10th March: Yu Tak Cheuk and Lau Man Kwong to meet winners of former tie on the 14th March.

17th March: S. S. Hussain and S. A. Hussain, bye v. J. W. Leonard and N. Trambitzky, bye.
17th March: H. J. Armstrong and S. M. Garrard, bye v. M. K. Lo and Horace Lo, bye.

18th March: Y. A. Wahab and S. A. Hamid, bye v. R. M. Henderson and A. Bressley, bye.

Fourth Quarter.
23rd March: Col. Russell Brown and L. Forster, bye v. E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes, bye.
21st March: E. D. Sousa and F. Prata, bye v. N. Evans and A. H. Crook, bye.

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THE MUDFORD MUDDLE.

HOW THE CAMPAIGN FARES.

CLIMAX OF STRENUOUS WEEK TO-MORROW.

[FROM OUR OWN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, MUDFORD.]

Into the quiet seclusion of a little country seaside town some capricious god of things that should not be, cast a bombshell in the shape of an election for the Town Council. Little did he reck of the consequences of his fell deed. Mudford, alias the Y.M.C.A., is living in strange times this week, and the strain is telling on one and all.

The meeting on Wednesday night was the quietest of the three, possibly due to the fact that people's voices had not the staying power, but also possibly because the speeches reached a higher order of excellence than ever before.

The Progressives put forth their might in the shape of what one of the opposition called the "little Welsh Wizard," T. J. Price, who gave a very eloquent address on the subject of Bolshevism, Socialism, catatylism and rheumatism. Many waverers, he converted, to which side we shall know after the poll, which takes place on Saturday next, at the Y.M.C.A. from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Moderate Policy.
The Moderate Party, strengthened by the addition of the gentler (1) sex, who sported a parol decorated with the moderate Colours, black and yellow, were in force, and put on four speakers, whose attention to the written word was clearly shown! The fact that they kept on promising to give their policy, and then avoiding the issue showed that they were as much at sea as the Socialist Candidate, the worthy fish hawk!

In spite of the fact that they were Moderate, it was seen that their policy coincided in many points with that of the Extremists, the Socialists.

The Moderates tried hard to get the Progressives some actual figure upon which to work. In this admirable endeavour they were signally unsuccessful. The Progressives, confident in that they are spending someone else's money, have outlined an ambitious scheme for the alleged betterment of Mudford. It includes a new pier, a Pump Room, swimming baths (at the seaside too!), a Municipal Garage and Parking plot, and a doctor at £2,000 per annum.

With reference to the last mentioned item, it was pointed out by one of the Socialist Party that the Chief M.O.H. of England only gets about £2,200 per annum!

The Socialists.
The Socialists are against this lavish scheme, and demand better conditions for the working man, who after all has made Mudford what it is. Ten years ago it was a little fishing village of 3,000 inhabitants, now it has grown to 16,000. All this without an increase, or very little, in the housing accommodation!

Room for the kiddies, is the cry of the Socialists, for the kiddies are the workers of the future. The present jetty is insufficient for the increased fishing trade, and they argue, reasonably it appears, that a new pier will not benefit so much the workers, as the voters.

Partisanship is very much to the fore, and feeling runs high. Party favours are worn by many. To-night there is to be a meeting of the Mudford Ratepayers' Association, under the chairmanship of the leading citizen of the town, John H. Hunt, F.Z.S. This meeting will take place in the "Town Hall" (i.e., the Lounge of the Y.M.C.A.) at 9 p.m. and the various candidates and the supporters will give short speeches. After the speeches there will be opportunity for questions to be asked, and these will be answered by the candidates concerned.

The intensive week of campaigning will reach its climax to-morrow night, when amid sighs of relief, a sing-song will be held in the lounge. To this members and friends are cordially invited, and the result of the Poll will be declared about 10.30 p.m.

Consequent upon the election of the three candidates, there will be a meeting of the Mudford Town Council on Thursday, February 17th, at 9 p.m. in the Council Chamber, (also the Lounge) and to this meeting the Mayor and Council invite the presence of the inhabitants of Mudford and the surrounding district. (In other words, this is a meeting of the Literary and Debating Club, and the Committee of that Club give a very hearty invitation to all members and friends to attend, and see the fun. We understand that the term "friends" includes lady friends, many of whom we hope will honour us by their presence.)

Every member of the Y.M.C.A. has three votes, and it is hoped that as many as can, will record their choice on Polling Day, Saturday next.

Let the Watchword be: "Brighter Mudford."

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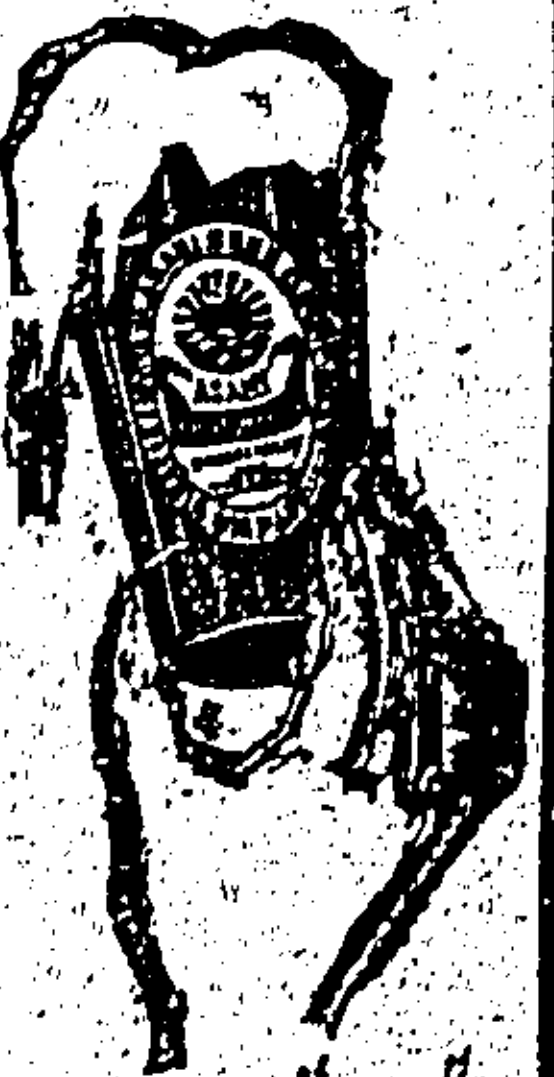
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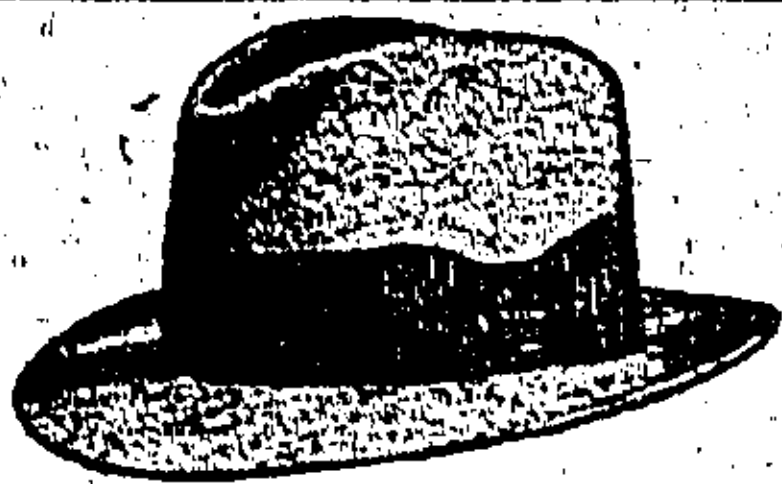
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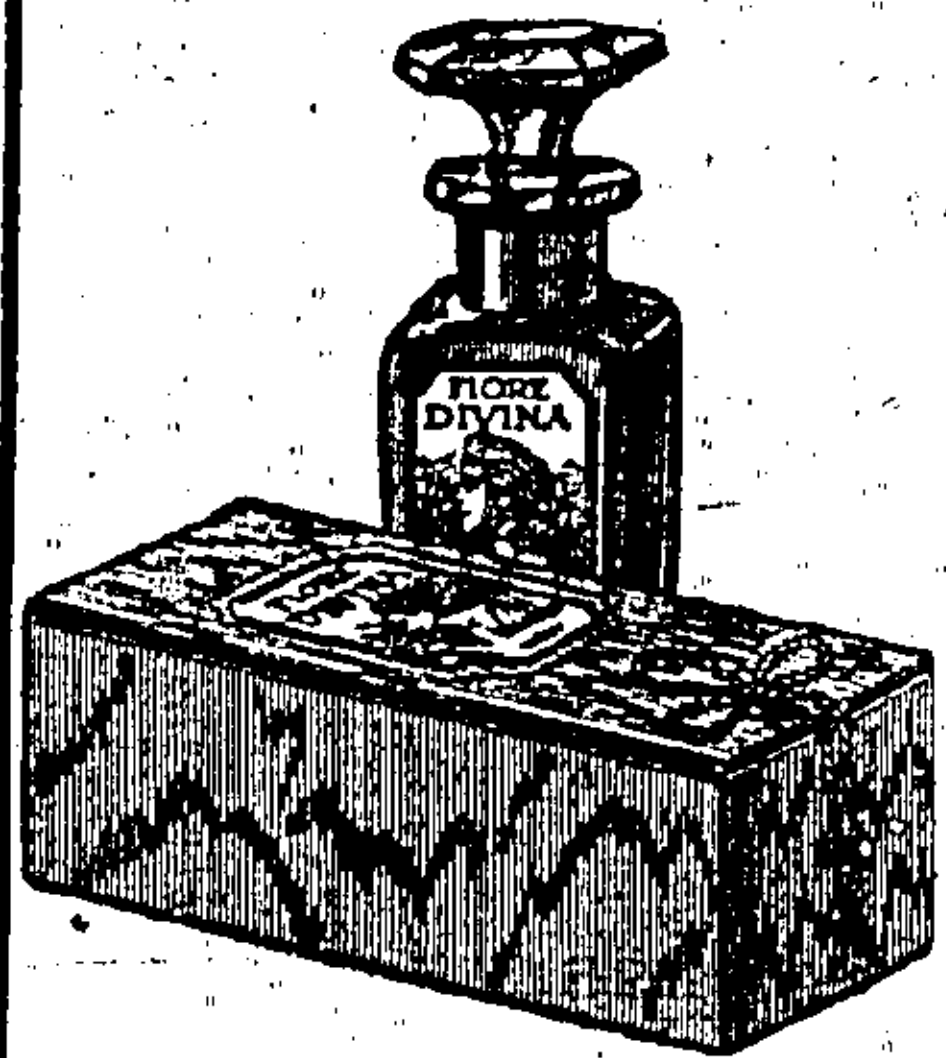
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SATISFACTORY REPORT OF HEADMISTRESS.

GOOD TONE AND SUCCESS RECORDED.

The large attendance of parents, friends and visitors quite filled the hall at the Canossian Institute Italian Convent School, Caine Road, last evening, on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes. The school has now over 400 pupils.

Lady Clementi distributed the prizes, and there were also present Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Father J. M. Spada, Mr. J. M. Braga, and Roman Catholic clergy and Sisters of the Convent.

The Entertainment.

Prior to the distribution of prizes, a delightful entertainment was presented by a number of the older pupils of the School. The performance reflected the highest credit on their ability, and the young performers without exception took their parts with charm and grace.

The play, which was entitled "The Magic Cup," has as its setting an island in the Caribbean Sea, where a King, the Princess, his daughter, Court, subjects and fairies, lead a happy, carefree life, by reason of the magic qualities of the water in the Cup. The Cup is stolen, and how it is recovered by a British man-of-war captain who falls in love with the Princess, was portrayed in a series of scenes replete with song and music to the delight of an enthusiastic audience.

The Characters.

The characters were taken as under:—The King of Caribbe, Miss C. Bearwolf; Captain Courage (an English Naval Officer), Miss H. Demet; Mr. Fiddler (an agitator), Miss E. Thomas; The Astrologer, Miss M. Warren; Fairy Queen, Miss M. Soriano; Princess Mabel (the King's only child), Miss A. Silice; Citizens, Flower and Fruit Girls, Fairies, Soldiers, Sailors, and Courtiers.

Other Items.

Musical items were contributed as under:—The Hunter's Call, played by the Misses E. Bliss and F. Brown (by Godowsky).

Serenade Joyeuse, played by the Misses E. Thomas and C. Millan (by E. Dell Aquia, Mandolin).

Steel Guitar, played by the Misses A. Silice and E. Geng.

Violin, played by Miss Gutierrez.

La Vierge, played by Miss C. Velasco, Philippine Harp.

The School Report.

Mr. J. P. Braga read the report of the Headmistress. In doing so, he said: My association with this institution is explained by two reasons. The first is the wish of the Mother Superior that I should read the report of the Headmistress, and the second, that fifty years ago I was a young pupil of this school.

The Headmistress stated that the enrolment was maintained at its highest level; the attendance has been good, and the nationalities of the scholars were representative of the cosmopolitan community of the Colony. There is no abatement in the desire of the Chinese girls for Western knowledge in languages or arts.

Tone Excellent.

As usual, the Italian Convent School was visited by the Inspector of Schools (Mr. E. Balpas) who reported that "The tone of the school is excellent, and the children are manifestly well-cared-for and happy in their work. The building is suitable; the classrooms are cool, airy, and light. It is in good order and condition and scrupulously clean throughout."

The following extracts appear in the Inspector's report: "The discipline is excellent. Reading improves and is fluent and intelligent. Recitation and singing showed a great improvement, and a Choral Class has attained a high standard. Drawing is well taught and the work especially in Senior Classes, excellent. Handwriting showed a general improvement and the plan followed in the teaching of geography is to be commended."

Physical exercises are given whenever the pupils appear to require a breathing space. The needlework maintains its standard. The "Special Classes" preparing Chinese girls for the "English Classes" are doing very good work. Kindergarten Classes are doing careful and successful work. The children read, recited and gave "action songs" all with the greatest zest, and quite obviously, enjoyed their "Lessons."

School Successes.

The School's successes in the University Examinations are encouraging. Twelve students passed the Senior Examinations. Miss Thelma May with distinction in English. Eleven students passed the Junior Examinations, Miss Ng Ching with distinction in arithmetic and Chinese, Miss Conchita Milian with distinction in Spanish and Biblical knowledge, and six with distinction in Biblical knowledge.

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DINNER DANCE AT KOWLOON HOTEL.

AN ENJOYABLE GATHERING.

REORGANISATION AND IMPROVEMENTS.

A very enjoyable dinner dance was given at the Kowloon hotel last evening. These dinner-dances have now become regular weekly functions and are growing increasingly popular. They may be said to be part of the programme of re-organisation carried through by the present manager, Mr. Perry, who has worked hard to improve the service and to raise the prestige and reputation of the hotel in all departments. The testimony of the residents proves that he has been very successful.

Under his direction, many changes have been made and they have all tended to the comfort and convenience of the guests. It is highly satisfactory to be able to record this, and particularly now when accommodation is none too plentiful, and when it appears likely that greater demands than ever will be made on that which is available.

Miss Lily Cheung is the winner of the Lugard Scholarship for the years 1927-1928. Miss Tulle Barretto and Miss Ng Tak Ching are the winners of Lady Ho Tung Scholarship for Good Conduct and Application.

Miss Thelma May and Miss Cissy Botelho have won the distinction of inscription of their names on the Lugard Shield for integrity and unselfishness.

The School was visited during the year by Lady Clementi, His Lordship Bishop Valtorta, and the Very Rev. Fr. Byrne, S. J. The Mother Superior and her community are most appreciative of the encouragement received from patrons and friends whom they offer their thanks and fervent prayers for their well being.

Prize Winners.

Prizes were distributed by Lady Clementi, in accordance with the following list:—

BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE.—Miss Wong Po Chue. Miss Thelma May and Miss Cissy Botelho have won the distinction of inscription of their names on the Lugard Shield for integrity and unselfishness.

SCHOLARSHIPS.—Lugard Scholarship for the years 1927-1928, Miss Lily Cheung. Lady Ho Tung Scholarships for Good Conduct and Application for the year 1926, Miss Tulle Barretto and Miss Ng Tak Ching.

CLASS 1.—Senior Local Certificates and Prizes.—Thelma May (dist. in English), 1st Prize; Lily Williams, 1st Prize; Tulle Barretto, 2nd Prize; Carolina Maher; Wong Po Chue; Cissy Botelho; Emerenciana Santos; Henriette Demet; Olga Azedo; Olga King; Carmen Xavier; Alice Sufiad.

CLASS 2.—Junior Local Certificates and Prizes.—Ng Tak Ching (dist. in arithmetic and Chinese), 1st Prize; Conchita Milian (dist. in Spanish and Biblical knowledge), 2nd Prize; Delia Tossan (dist. in Biblical knowledge), 2nd Prize; Katherine Chan (dist. in Biblical knowledge); Carmen Vas (dist. in Biblical knowledge); Chan Kitt Ching (dist. in Biblical knowledge); Iris Guingam (dist. in Biblical knowledge); Lusy Tossan (dist. in Biblical knowledge); Tam Chui King; Olga Rozario; Lily Gubbay.

CLASS 3.—Lily Cheung (1st Prize); Amanda Albuquerque (2nd Prize); Cissy Tse; Herina Silva; Lily Ho.

CLASS 4.—Cissy Leong and Kitty Tse (1st Prize); Cissy Remedios (2nd Prize); Olga Baptista; Philis Hunt; Mildred Gardner.

CLASS 5.—Mary Cheung (1st Prize); Lily Tsang (2nd Prize); Irene Williams; Harriet Livesey; Florence Tong.

CLASS 6.—Ada Tong (1st Prize); Amy Chu; Dolly Leung; Anna Lopes Ozorio.

CLASS 7.—Alma To (1st Prize); Beatrice Ozorio (2nd Prize); Mabel Gardner; Norma May; Amelia Lopes Ozorio.

CLASS 8.—Cissy Leung (1st Prize); Ivy Wong (2nd Prize); Pauline Li; Thelma Gonzales; Beatrice Xavier.

INFANTS' CLASSES.—Prizes.—Nora Reza; Dorothy Gardner; Maria da Rosa; Cissy Leong; Agnes Leong; Lilian Forster; Laura Tan; Stella Silva; Socorro Pavares; Irene Sequeira; Ruby Wong; Helen Leung; Elvy Sequeira; Elvinia Silva; Giacinta Castilho.

SPECIAL CLASSES FOR CHINESE.—Amy Chan; Florence Chan; Agnes Ho; May Chee; Julia Chan; Cynthia Cheung.

MUSIC.—Benedicta Xavier; Delia Tossan; Conchita Milian; Esther Geng.

Portuguese.—Herina Silva; Maria Lopes; Aida da Rosa; Beatrice Ozorio; Ines Ozorio; Alice Sequeira.

Thanks Returned.

At the conclusion of the prize distribution, little Betty Evans made a charming speech of thanks to Lady Clementi for distributing the prizes, and presented her Ladyship with a bouquet of flowers.

Lady Clementi, briefly returned thanks for the gift, expressed her pleasure at the entertainment, and also said how interested she had been in the work carried on at the Convent School on the occasion of her previous visits.

The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

9,000 DOLLARS OVERPAID.

CASHIER'S MISTAKE.

CHINESE BANKING PROCEDURE DESCRIBED.

Chinese banking procedure was lengthily discussed at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Li Yee Woon, manager of the Wong Fung firm at Wing Lok Street, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell on a charge of stealing \$9,000 from the Bank of Canton, Ltd.

Mr. M. M. Watson presented on behalf of the cashier of the bank, and defendant was represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.

The prosecution case, it will be recalled, was that the defendant went to the Bank of Canton on December 19th to cash a cheque of \$1,000. The cheque was handed to the accountant who checked the signature. When the cheque was paid the figure was taken for \$10,000, and the cashier alleges that \$10,000 was paid out on the counter.

Opening the case, Mr. M. M. Watson, who appeared for the cashier of the Bank of Canton, said that apart from the fact that the incident happened in the Bank's premises, the Bank was not interested in the proceedings. The complainant was the cashier, and he was liable to the Bank. The shortage was not discovered until the end of the day when the accounts were balanced and \$9,000 was missing. A check was made of the cheque and when the one handed in by defendant was examined it was found where the mistake had been made. The cashier then went to see the defendant who denied that he had received \$10,000. Mr. Watson went on to describe how defendant had told the manager of his firm to make certain entries in the firm's books and how the manager had subsequently been dismissed.

In evidence, the cashier of the Bank of Canton explained the procedure for dealing with cheques and said those of the defendant often came for payment. When witness found that he was \$9,000 wrong in the accounts he went through the cheques and found he had paid \$10,000 on a \$1,000 cheque. He had only paid on one other \$10,000 cheque that day and that was in Chinese. He was responsible to the bank for the \$9,000.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, witness said that on the day in question he started with \$95,000.

Mr. Alabaster: How do you know that you did not start with only \$98,000 and not \$95,000?

Witness, after references to the bank's procedure, said he knew the figure was correct as the notes had been counted the night before.

Mr. Alabaster: Would it surprise you to know that standing to defendant's credit was only a little over \$1,900 in the bank?

Witness: I do not know how much he has in the bank.

Mr. Alabaster asked witness to look at the cheque and to say if the figure looked anything like \$10,000. Witness said that when it was carefully examined it did not look like \$10,000. In reply to further question he said cheques were examined, and that the defendant mostly drew cheques for \$10,000.

Mr. Alabaster: I put it to you that he drew four cheques during the eleventh moon and that two were not for \$10,000.

Witness: I cannot remember exactly.

Mr. Alabaster then quoted from a list of cheques drawn to show that it was not rare for defendant to draw amounts other than \$10,000.

The case was adjourned until next Monday afternoon.

THE TATTERED NOTE CASE.

LEAVE FOR PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL APPLICATION.

To-day week (February 18th) an application will be made before the Full Court (Mr. Justice, J. B. Wood, acting Chief Justice, and Mr. J. H. B. Nibhill, acting Puisne Judge) at the Supreme Court for leave to appeal to the Privy Council in respect of the tattered banknote case, in which the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank are asked to pay a \$500 note from which the numbers and date are missing.

The judgment in this case, following the appeal before the Full Court, was given this week, and has already been published. It will be remembered that the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) held that the appeal of the bank should be allowed with costs for the bank; while Mr. Justice Wood held that the banknote was valid and that the appeal should be dismissed with costs. Sir Henry Gollan then stated that according to the Ordinance of 1912, the appeal was dismissed. Mr. Eldon Potter, who appeared for the Bank, asked that stay be granted for a fortnight, pending the decision of the Bank as to whether they would appeal.

The application for leave to appeal to the Privy Council will be heard by the Full Court at 2.15 p.m. on the day fixed.

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"SUNNING" PIRACY.

WOUNDED MEN NOW RECOVERED FACE CHARGE.

The two remaining suspects under arrest in connection with the piracy of the s.s. *Sunning*, and who have been in hospital suffering from wounds while the rest of the batch of twenty were tried, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

Mr. T. H. King (Director of Criminal Intelligence) conducted the case for the prosecution. Outlining the case, Mr. King said:—

It is unnecessary to go over all the grounds of this case. I only deal now with the facts as they apply to the two defendants. The first defendant will be identified by Mr. Beatty, the Chief Officer, who will state that he saw this man on the bridge in the early part of the piracy. There is no further identification of him individually, and the other chief item of evidence against him will be that when No. 6 boat was lowered from the poop deck, four armed men were seen to lift a wounded man into it, and that wounded man was the defendant, he being the only wounded man in the boat when it was lowered from the deck into the water. I shall prove that there was no other wounded man in the boat.

The evidence against the second defendant is much the same as has been heard in this case. He is the second of the two men who were knocked out on the bridge (the other man being the No. 20 defendant). Evidence of identification will be brought against him both by the Captain and Chief Officer, and also two members of the crew, who will say that he came to the forecastle and asked who they were. This was just after the piracy had commenced and before he got on the bridge. I shall first call Captain Fringle and the wireless operator.

His Worship said before taking Captain Fringle's evidence, he proposed to cut out all the unnecessary evidence, and deal with those incidents with which the two present defendants were said to have been connected.

The case was remanded.

"PREMATURE, NOT BASELESS."**THE REPORTED CAPTURE OF SHANGHAI.****A MERCHANTS' PARADE.****THE CLOSING DOWN OF SCHOOLS.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Strike news, during the past year, has been a regular department of service in Canton newspapers and has required a corps of writers specialised in the subject. Less space, however, has recently been given to the activities—or rather inactivity—of the workers and the news is getting into a more or less stereotyped form. Labour troubles in Canton may be summarised as follows: During the three days ending February 10th two important strikes were settled—the hotel servants and the photographers. Thirteen still await settlement, including the butchers and wholesale silk fairs. The business of two cities, Tungku (Shanghai) and Koonshan, is paralysed on account of labour tyranny.

Canton merchants appear to be waking up and announced their intention of holding a parade to-day (Thursday) in order to show that they were a solid body in demanding the right to engage or dismiss assistants on the second day after the Chinese New Year. The workers have threatened to throw stones at the parade but the merchants say they will carry out their plan despite opposition. The Kuomintang agreed to uphold the liberty of the merchants in regard to employees, but at the same time, or a day or two afterwards, they told the workers that they could not be dismissed unless the Union demands were complied with, and these demands include eight months' wages with pay in lieu of board when employment ceases. Perhaps if the merchants show they can organise and demonstrate and go on parade their wishes will be a little more respected.

Private schools in Canton are taking joint action against the Kuomintang Superintendent of Education who is trying to reduce the number of old style schools. Private schools, in which the Confucian classics were taught, numbered more than 700 last year. This number has since been reduced to 650. The Superintendent of Education has decided to close 215 of these. The teachers of these schools are protesting vigorously and are being joined by the teachers in the schools still carrying on.

A rough estimate puts the number of children of school age in Canton at 150,000. The Canton public schools are able to cater for only ten per cent, leaving the rest to find their education elsewhere. Private schools, although operating, it may be, not in accordance with Kuomintang regulations, still fill a want and as a matter of fact, many parents very much prefer the teaching of Confucianism to the new doctrines of Lenin.

It is expected that Dr. Kung Hsiang Hai, a brother-in-law of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, will be given the office of Ministry of Industry. As already reported he was suggested as Vice-Minister of Finance, to work in Canton under Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister at Hankow. If the new arrangement is carried through Madame Sun Yat Sen will have three out of the five Kuomintang Ministers in her family. The Kuomintang Ministry of Communications, recently inaugurated in Canton, has now something to do. It is being asked to settle the strike of the workers of the Chu-Ping railway in Hunan.

It is now stated in Canton that the report of the "capture of Shanghai" was not exactly "baseless," but was merely a little premature. The report was circulated before those engineering affairs within the city could complete their arrangements for the coup.

THE CANTON POST OFFICE.**GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE.****AN IRATE MERCHANT'S COMMENT.**

As reported by our Chinese correspondent yesterday the Chinese Post Office business in Canton had to be suspended on Wednesday because the postmen desired to have a few hours off to say farewell to their delegates who were going to Hankow to attend a Postmen's Conference.

A Canton merchant, writing on Wednesday, says: "Here is a notice which has been circulated to-day and which may interest you. It has come from the Post Master."

"As the greater part of the Postal Staff is absent to-day attending a 'Union' demonstration, the Public is requested to call at Shamenee Office for their mail. It is hoped the regular service will be resumed to-morrow."

"Needless to tell you," writes the merchant, "this service is becoming more rotten and unreliable every day and it is just about time the Powers decided to re-open Post Offices as before when they worked splendidly. The closing of these was another mess made by the Washington Conference."

CHINESE AND THE BRITISH.**LACK OF PROPAGANDA.****A CANTON RESIDENT'S SUGGESTION.****DEALINGS WITH THE CHINESE CROWD.**

A Canton resident, with nearly half a century's experience in China, writes to the *Daily Press*: Your leaders are liked by many here and, if I may be allowed to say so, they are marked by sense and sobriety and are to the point. But in reviewing the situation in China I feel sometimes that we lose sight of important facts. Our awful ignorance of the Chinese language, for example, is to my mind one of the roots of the present evil. The Chinese crowd can be lamb-like, but over the least misunderstanding, or through the work of designing agitators it can easily be worked up to a fury of hatred not only against the foreigner but against Chinese themselves. The outrages at Foochow and Amoy are instances of the former. For the latter we have only to remember the horror of the treatment meted out in Canton to the poor, benighted, helpless Yunnanese less than two years ago.

I will give you my own experience. I have a small property in the city which was occupied by strikers who drove away the legitimate tenants of many years standing. After twenty months without compensation, and following constant pressure applied by the British Consulate, the property was evacuated by the intruders. Two weeks ago I had to go to the section police station to ask the Superintendent to hand the property over to me. He sent a deputy with me to the house but we found the door locked. The policeman began to enquire who had locked the door and then a Chinese came forward whom I knew to be the street ruffian at the bottom of all the trouble. He blandly asked me to wait two days. Then, as well as I could in my imperfect Chinese, I gave him a "dressing-down."

"Does the house belong to your father? Have you paid rent for it for twenty months?" I asked him. Then I continued that such people as he were a curse to their country. "Your fathers were gentlemen," I added, "but the manner in which you behave is bringing disgrace upon you all. Suppose I were to occupy your house and drove out your family, what would happen?" The crowd by this time had gathered in large numbers. Some nodded approval. Others said *cheuk* (quite right) and others *chun* (quite true). The policeman then intervened and promised to report the matter to the station and get me the key within the day. He carried out his promise and I obtained possession of the house. The point I wish to emphasise was the fair attitude of the crowd.

I will give another instance. I had occasion to pay some workers on Shamenee on January 29th. They asked for their usual New Year cumshaw of one month's pay. I countered with "Why? Am I to pay you cumshaw for running away from your duty. The cumshaw is meant as a reward for a full year's work. You will get your proper share of cumshaw for the period you have been working, for the three months, November, December and January."

They all remained quiet. Then one man said "Increase our wages." I replied "You will get an increase, but at present you take your meals in the Strikers' quarters. As soon as you eat your own rice you will get an increase."

Of course, they were not all contented and satisfied, but they knew that my attitude was a reasonable one and they did not protest. As far as I can see the agitators have failed to create any real, deep-seated hatred of the foreigner. Let it also be said to the credit of the Canton officials that they are now keeping their word and are maintaining perfect order as far as the relationship of the Chinese to the foreigner is concerned.

Propaganda. The Chinese themselves are suffering just as badly as we are from the present upheaval. It is a great disadvantage that we have no propaganda to counter-act the influence of a mere handful of mischief makers. The merchant class know and appreciate the British forbearance shown at Hankow. One educator, Chinese, gave me his opinion that the happenings there had exposed the hollowness of the cry regarding "the oppression of the Imperialists."

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CORRESPONDENCE.**AN APPRECIATION.**

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS"]

SIR,—We owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Wan Man Kai and his associates for the fascinating exhibition of Chinese pictures and penmanship held at the City Hall on February 8th and 9th. (A review of the exhibition appeared in the *Daily Press* on Wednesday.)

These gentlemen ungrudgingly brought out for public inspection and enjoyment a collection of treasures that must have come as a revelation to many in this Colony. Informed appreciation must be left to the experts, but here was an opportunity for many of us uninitiated persons to gaze and enjoy and perhaps learn a little.

Personally I cannot refrain from singling out one small painting of a curving plum branch with white blossoms, which the label described as the work of Wang Yuan Chang, a 14th century artist of the Yuan dynasty. This was most attractive and bore besides a pleasant little poem which reminded me that Horace was not the only poet to be swept away by Bacchus, swift with inspiration.

Education in such a form is certainly palatable—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

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GREAT BRITAIN AND INDIA.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS"]

SIR,—A short time ago I took the liberty of addressing you upon the great example which Indian progress under British administration demonstrated *vis-a-vis* the anti-British gospel of the Bolsheviks. Affairs in China have developed somewhat since I penned my last letter, and two of three significant things have occurred to which I would respectfully refer, feeling, I do, that the opportunity should not be lost for bringing home to the more extreme of my Chinese friends a concrete example of how far they are being led upon the wrong road by listening to the gospel of the extremists.

His Majesty's Speech at the opening of the British Parliament contained an important reference to the protection of "our British and Indian subjects" and "which side with this, we have the very significant fact that Indian Prince lost no time in tendering to the Viceroy magnanimous offers of their troops for service in China. It is certainly very difficult to reconcile this with the alleged suppression of natives and weaker nations of which we hear so much nowadays. In my humble opinion, if ever the British wanted a complete answer to the malicious charges in regard to their treatment of native peoples, the action of the Indian Prince should suffice. And yet, strange to say the significant fact has been relegated to the background.

Few will deny that, in dealing with primitive peoples and native races the British Government has always considered itself to be entrusted with a two-fold duty. It has always regarded itself responsible for the protection against exploitation, endeavouring, at the same time, to develop a feeling of self-respect and responsibility. The British Government has always admitted that the British Government, whilst best for Britain, is not necessarily the best for India, Nigeria and Rhodesia, and the method of governing evolved as a result of that policy is as far removed from the Imperialistic cry of the extremists as are the two poles.

It seems to me to be the fundamental duty of every British subject, whether of European or Asiatic descent, to do his best to broadcast this great Truth—Your, etc.,

V. RUPCHAND,
Managing Proprietor,
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The Chinese are an industrious race, hard working, but seeing no scope for the future they blame their politicians and the busy bodies and the agitators cleverly turn the tide against the British. The Chinese are born orators. Why not employ some at the Hong Kong street corners to speak on current topics. Some should be on British exponents, telling their countrymen of British justice and love of fair play. I rub shoulders with all kinds of Chinese here and know that they want to hear the truth of all the turmoil, and we have no one to tell them. They want light badly and for our own sake we should supply it.

I can say this much that the Canton officials, agitators notwithstanding, have a great respect for British justice and impartiality. The British promise is always taken at its face value without the least shadow of doubt. But now we are passing through abnormal times. We are passing through a transition period and it is right that the British should treat the uneducated classes like children, bear with them, and try to teach them.

LOCAL MERCHANT SUE BY BROKER.**DEAL IN 500 GREEN ISLAND CEMENT SHARES.****SLUMP DURING STRIKE RECALLED.**

During the hearing of a claim for \$1,000 in respect of 500 shares in the Green Island Cement Co., in connection with a share transaction between two Chinese parties, one a broker and the other a merchant, at the Summary Court yesterday before Mr. J. H. B. Nihil, acting Puisne Judge, the state of affairs existing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange during the slump, of June, 1925, was recalled.

The plaintiff in the case was Chan Chan Nam, carrying on business as Chan Chan Nam & Co., of 11, Queen's Road Central, first floor, share and real estate brokers, and he sued Wong Tang Kee, of 32, Canton Road, Kowloon, merchant.

The claim of the plaintiff was for \$1,000, this being the difference between the price of 500 (combined) shares in the Green Island Cement Co., purchased by the defendant under a written contract dated June 9th, 1925, and the flat rate at which the purchase was compromised by mutual agreement. The \$300 was waived to bring the action within the jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask was for plaintiff, and Mr. L. D. Turner appeared for the defendant.

Case Opened.

Opening his case, Mr. Leask said on June 9th, 1925, the defendant purchased 500 combined shares in the Green Island Cement Co. from the plaintiff at the price of \$28.10 per share for the August Settlement. When Settlement Day came, he failed to pay and in a letter from plaintiff's solicitors he was offered the choice of paying \$3.10 per share, which was the difference between the price then and the price which was ruling when he was taking up the shares. Defendant refused to do that, but agreed to pay the flat rate, so they were suing on that rate.

The plaintiff said he was, at that time, Chairman of the Share and Real Estate Brokers' Association, and the defendant signed a contract for the purchase of the shares. Previous to that, plaintiff had purchased shares from a seller. When Settlement Day arrived, the defendant refused to pay and the plaintiff wrote to the defendant asking him to take the shares. The defendant came to his office and said he could not pay at the rate required, but offered to pay at the flat rate, which had been agreed on by the Association, and the offer was accepted.

Replying to Mr. Leask, plaintiff said his Association had agreed that all outstanding accounts should be set off by the flat rate.

Cross-examination. Cross-examined by Mr. Turner, plaintiff said he had a telephone conversation with the defendant about the shares, when defendant said he would wait until Settlement Day. Plaintiff denied that he visited the defendant's office. Mr. Turner produced a letter written by a solicitor on his (plaintiff's) instructions in which it was stated that the agreement was reached in both offices. Plaintiff replied that it was probably a misunderstanding. Plaintiff admitted that he was not suing for interest, and said he had never demanded any.

Mr. Turner—I suppose your solicitors again misunderstood you when they wrote again demanding interest in November last year!

Plaintiff appeared to be a little non-plussed but replied "Perhaps it is the ordinary course of the solicitor's work."

Only A Broker.

Chan admitted he did not take up the shares himself, because he was only a broker.

Mr. Turner—Was it that you never had them to deliver at all?—No.

If this agreement was entered into on August 25th, 1925, how is it that you never said anything about it to the defendant until sometime in November, 1925?—On August 25th, the defendant came and offered to pay the flat rate, but I had to see the seller before settling.

Mr. Turner—I believe you were financially hard hit by the fall in prices in June and July?—Everybody suffered a great loss, myself included.

Receipt For Shares.

Mr. Leask asked plaintiff if he had paid for the shares. He produced a receipt, dated November 1st, 1925, for \$920 in respect of the 500 shares.

Mr. Leask—You were asked in the course of cross-examination why you have not pressed the defendant before. What is the reason?

Plaintiff—Because I had to settle with the seller before I could sue.

Plaintiff agreed with Mr. Leask that on Settlement Day he did not actually have the share to deliver, but he could get them from the seller as soon as he knew the price would be paid by the buyer.

It is that the usual practice on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange?—Yes. (Continued on next column.)

ARRIVAL FROM FOOCOW.**PASSENGERS HERE ON THE "HAINING."****ALL QUIET AT PRESENT.**

The Douglas steamship *Haining* arrived in Hong Kong yesterday morning with a number of passengers from Foochow, Kaimoy and Swatow.

These passengers included, it is understood, a number of missionaries, and other Europeans who have been advised to leave the Foochow area.

It is learned that Father Benedict, who on the occasion of the flight of the first party of Spanish and American Fathers and Spanish Sisters from Foochow to Hong Kong on the s.s. *Haining* some weeks ago, was forced on the demand of the students at Amoy to go ashore there, has now returned to the Foochow area, and appears to be getting on very well again.

Three children who were landed at Amoy on that occasion, have also been returned to Foochow. Foochow appears to be quiet at present, and there have been no further outbreaks by the mob, although the anti-British and anti-Christian feeling is still strong, although more or less dormant.

The *Haining* brought 34 first class passengers here, and these included Mrs. F. H. Fisher and two children; Mrs. L. O. Robinson and three children; Mrs. C. H. Farrar; Mr. Jones Slavin, Miss Macpherson (a hospital sister from Amoy); the Rev. and Mrs. Lewis and five children; the Rev. and Mrs. Gibson and two children, and also 18 Chinese first class passengers.

AN ABSENT COMPLAINANT.**ALLEGED SNATCHER GOES FREE.**

A young Chinese who was alleged to have snatched a gold bangle from a Chinese girl at Po Hing Fong on February 9th, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the accused.

Outlining the case, Sub-Inspector Pain said that the accused snatched a gold bangle from a little girl who was walking along the Wah Hing Lane, with her mother. A police whistle was blown and the accused was eventually caught in the Blake Garden at Po Hing Fong. The bangle was found in his trouser's pocket. The accused was identified by both the girl and her mother and also by the man who arrested him.

Continuing, Inspector Pain said that unfortunately the complainant was not in Court and he did not think she would appear to give evidence. He would, therefore, ask the case to be amended to one of unlawful possession.

Mr. d'Almada said that he did not wish to embarrass the prosecution, but he would like to point out that before the charge of unlawful possession could be proceeded with, could they prove who was the rightful owner of the bangle in question. On learning that the Police could not offer any evidence beyond the arrest of the man, his Worship dismissed the defendant.

Plaintiff's son gave evidence and said he was present when the defendant visited his father's office and offered to pay the flat rate.

The defendant said he bought the shares sometime in June, but although he often saw the plaintiff in the street the shares were not mentioned until November last year. He afterwards admitted that the plaintiff had asked him about them, and told him he had already made himself liable for them. The defendant replied then that he had not come to any settlement and did not owe him any money. He denied the agreement.

Non-Delivery.

In reply to Mr. Leask, defendant admitted that he bought the shares at the price of \$14,155, with brokerage and stamp.

Leave you paid for them?—No. And yet you say you don't owe the plaintiff any money?—Because he has not delivered the shares at all. Had he delivered the shares, would you have paid them?—If the shares were brought to me I would have paid for them.

Is that your usual practice?—It is my practice with other brokers. Then you must owe a lot of money in Hong Kong?—I don't owe any money.

Judgment Given.

In giving judgment for the plaintiff with costs, Mr. Nihil said the defendant on his own showing, never asked for the delivery of the shares or made any attempt to pay for them on Settlement Day, and he regarded that as the most salient fact in support of the plaintiff's contention that a settlement was agreed to on the flat rate. The defendant's action of non-action was the most striking collaboration of the plaintiff's story, and he added, he found that the onus of proving a settlement was proved to have been proved to his satisfaction.

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G. S. HUGH-JONES,
Hon. Secretary,
9, Queen's Road Central.
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By Order of the Board,
C. G. COPELEY,
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Hong Kong, 10th February, 1927.
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th FEBRUARY to the 14th FEBRUARY (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th January, 1927.
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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY 1927 (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

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but proceeded to investigate the whole matter and facts have been accumulated which should be of the greatest value to all those who design or erect structures in places subject to severe storms.

The Florida disaster is often referred to as that of Miami Beach, probably because at that place the highest wind velocity was registered. The actual figure was 129 miles per hour. We believe that during one of the recent typhoons in Hong Kong the local record of wind velocity was higher than this. With the high wind velocity there was recorded "heavy rain." The figure given is 8 inches in 3 hours, which is, of course, very much less than that in Hong Kong during the great storm of last July. We believe the highest figure for the Colony was 98 inches of rain in 24 hours. But the result of a heavy downpour on this island is likely to be much more serious than the same rainfall on a fairly flat area as Miami seems to be. The calamities caused by the Ho King Fong retaining wall and the boulder at Kowloon remind us of that fact. The authorities at Miami Beach have issued various statements which must be of great interest to all those responsible for buildings in the tropics. "Wooden shutters would prove a wonderful safeguard for residences." It has, for many years, been the practice of house-holders in Hong Kong to protect their buildings with wooden shutters. Tile and cement block construction for residences; small store and apartment buildings should be laid up in cement mortar. That is a recommendation worth noting. In Hong Kong lime mortar is used, but the practice is one not to be encouraged. Some of the Miami buildings were 30 stories high but only two out of about thirty large buildings were damaged. These high modern structures, whether built of reinforced concrete or steel framed, are quite safe if built of good materials, properly built, and thoroughly supervised during the course of construction. A real difficulty in the tropics, of course, is this proper supervision of labour which is usually careless and ignorant of the consequences of bad workmanship. In Hong Kong, modern conditions throw more and more work upon the local Government. That is inevitable. We sincerely believe that the officials of the Public Works Department carry out their duties conscientiously. The only fair criticism that we have heard is that connected with the construction of new buildings. Is the inspection frequent enough and are contractors sufficiently punished, when detected using indifferent materials? "Safety first" should be the slogan of any building authority in the tropics and there should be a permanent advisory committee to consider, from time to time, what changes are needed in the local regulations. Each year knowledge on the subject accumulates and should be utilised. Even disasters help, for they enable investigators to advise others in all parts of the world how best to withstand Nature's occasional outbursts.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Vladivostok on account of Plague.

Burglars entered No. 8, Wing Lok Street, in the small hours of Wednesday morning, and stole money and property of a total value of \$200.

A Chinese fell down the stairs of the first floor of No. 183, Temple Street, Yau-mat, last evening, and was removed to the Kowloon Hospital. The extent of his injuries is not known.

Mr. Frank N. W. Doodha, the Secretary of the St. Andrews' Young Men's Club has just been nominated a member of the National Geographic Society, of Washington, D.C.

Skidding across the wet roadway, a motor-lorry ran into a lamp-post in Queen's Road West, on Wednesday, and knocked the standard down. The driver escaped injury.

During excavation work on the hillside at Tai Po Road a woman earthcrafter, was injured by a piece of rock which became dislodged and dropped on her. She was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., is to be held at the offices of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central) on Friday, March 4th, at 11 a.m.

Convicted on evidence presented by Senior Revenue Officer Watt, a Chinese pawnbroker from No. 14, Peel Street, was yesterday fined \$2,000 for possession of 116 taels of illicit opium. This was met from bail of that amount which the defendant had deposited with the Court.

We are asked to mention that the girls of the Italian Convent School, Caine Road, who gave such a delightful entertainment last evening, on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes, are to give an other entertainment next Wednesday evening, at 8.30 at the Convent School.

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Hong Kong, FEBRUARY 11th, 1927.

LOCAL STORMS AND TYPHOONS.

WITHIN the past eighteen months there have been two great disasters in this Colony as a result of unusual atmospheric conditions. In July 1925 there was the collapse of a retaining wall at Po Hing Fong which caused a heavy loss of life. This was generally accepted at the time, was indirectly caused by a previous heavy rainfall. Last year, in July, there was the amazing downpour which, although less terrible than on the other occasion, so far as the loss of human life was concerned, caused immense inconvenience to nearly every one on the island, and made imperative a large and unwelcome expenditure for the repair of roads and nullahs. These occurrences are too recent to render necessary any record of the details.

Hong Kong, however, is not the only place in the world that is visited by torrential downpours and terrific winds, and, fortunately, in these days of the printing press, we are able to learn the lessons which can be taught by those who have experienced the effect of storms elsewhere. On September 18th a violent hurricane swept over Southern Florida. It caused 375 people to lose their lives and did a vast amount of damage to property. The Americans not only immediately set to work to bring relief to the sufferers,

The following were the troops of Hong Kong Boy Scouts present at the inspection held by H.E. the Governor and Chief Scout of Hong Kong (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) at Government House on Wednesday, 1st to 8th, and the 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th and 20th troops, together with a detachment of Sea Scouts.

Charged with being in unlawful possession of 24 taels of raw and 25 taels of prepared opium, a Chinese defended by Mr. F. H. Losey, pleaded "not guilty" when brought before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday morning. In remanding the case until Tuesday, his Worship agreed to allow bail in \$5,000.

The case in which a stall-holder at the Shamshui Market was charged with causing serious bodily harm to a fellow stall-holder on December 19th last, was dismissed by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. J. A. O'Donoghue appeared for the defendant and Mr. J. T. Prior represented the complainant.

Zahar Ali, an Indian, arrested for disorderly conduct in the street, behaved so oddly when charged at Central Police Station on Wednesday afternoon that Det. Sgt. McDonald had him examined by the Police surgeon. The man, is to go to hospital for observation, having been formally remanded for one week by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

WEDDING.

DONALDSON—FABER.

The marriage took place on the 5th instant, at St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, of Mr. W. A. Donaldson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Donaldson, Edinburgh, and Miss Margaret de Diber, younger daughter of Mrs. C. Faber, Courtfield Gardens, London, and of the late Mr. Alfred Denis Faber, of British Columbia.

The Rev. H. Copley Moyle, chaplain of the Cathedral, officiated, and Mr. Mason presided at the organ. The chancel was tastefully decorated with white chrysanthemums for the occasion.

The bride, looking very charming, was dressed in ivory georgette with pearl embroidery, and wore a veil and orange blossoms. Her going-away dress was a two-piece costume of "French grey" georgette, over which she wore a moleskin cloak. Her hat was of rose pink felt.

Bride, Matron of Honour, and bridesmaids carried lovely bouquets of choice roses, white and pink.

Mrs. F. W. Black, the Matron of Honour, looked very attractive in a dress of champagne crepe-de-chine, with black hat, while her two daughters, Miss Joan and Miss Alice, the bridesmaids, wore most daintily attired in white, with black hats, trimmed with blue.

Mr. Hector MacDonald, B.N., was the "best man," and Mr. Arthur Howitt "gave away" the bride. After the religious ceremony, a well-attended reception was held at the Hong Kong Hotel, where the bride received the guests under a lovely flower bell.

Subsequently, Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson left for Repulse Bay to spend the honeymoon.

BAD JOSS.

WOMAN LOST \$40 WHILE PRAYING.

Bad Joss was what a Chinese woman encountered when she went to make her offerings at the Hau Wong Temple at Kowloon City on Wednesday afternoon.

She started the "New Year 'right," because she made a few cents in a single throw of the dice which brought her the *jon yuen*, so she betook herself to the temple to burn candles and joss sticks and, incidentally, to invoke the favour of the god of longevity and the goddess of wealth.

While she was *koutouing* to the two images, a thief who had no sense of propriety, edged near her and stole \$40 from her jacket.

The woman, went home quite happy—until she had occasion to put her hand into her pocket and discovered the loss.

A YOUNG GAMBLER.

MAGISTRATE'S WARNING AND ADVICE.

A Chinese boy appeared before Mr. Schofield yesterday morning on a charge of gambling in the street. When asked what he had to say, the defendant answered he had no excuse to make.

Mr. Schofield: Have you any parents?—My father is in Court.

Mr. Schofield: (to the boy's father): Will you undertake to see that your son doesn't waste his time and money gambling in the street and getting into trouble with the Police?—Yes.

Mr. Schofield: If he takes to gambling at this age he will not do much good when he grows up. This time he is cautioned as he has been locked up overnight. If he comes here again he will have a whipping.

When Mr. W. A. Butterfield of the Asiatic Petroleum Company reached his office yesterday morning he found that someone had broken through the top of his desk during the night and had rifled the contents of the drawers. The thief, apparently, could not force the lock and resorted to the easier method of prizing open the woodwork.

A hasty examination of the various articles which had been left in confusion seemed to show that a cheque book and an automatic pistol were missing. The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank were immediately informed and at 10.45 a.m. the bank telephoned that a cheque for \$500, presumably signed by Mr. Butterfield and made out to "Mr. Brown or Order" had been presented.

The man who presented the cheque was detained at the bank and when Mr. Butterfield arrived there he identified him as an employee of the Asiatic Petroleum Company who had been engaged by the Company in October and dismissed the previous Monday. The man made no statement and was handcuffed and taken to the police station.

After informing the bank that his cheque book had been stolen Mr. Butterfield made a more systematic search of his drawers and found it hidden underneath some papers. A glance at the cheques led to the belief that everything was in order but a comparison of the numbers of the cheques at the bank subsequently showed that one had been torn out. The thief had not taken the cheque simply but had carefully extracted the stub also, so that a comparison of the numbers alone would show that something was wrong. Had he been content to leave the book in its place it is probable that the bank would not have been informed and there might have been a chance that the cheque would have been cashed. The forger was an excellent one but with suspicion aroused it was not one that would bear prolonged scrutiny.

Many Petty Thefts.

For over a month past there has been a series of petty thefts in the Asiatic Petroleum Company's building. A silver cigarette case, a portable typewriter, two or three coats and other articles have been stolen at different times and no trace of the thief could be discovered. The man now arrested was suspected and as he was seen in the building on Sunday and could not give any reason for being there he was dismissed that morning. It is believed that he must have visited the building on Tuesday night for on Wednesday morning one of the typists discovered that her machine had been used. Upon being searched at the police station a nicely typed testimonial to himself, signed by Mr. Butterfield, was found in his possession. It is thought he typed this on Tuesday night and took the cheque on Wednesday night in the hope of obtaining a substantial sum in cash and getting away from the Colony.

The man admitted that he had hidden the automatic pistol in a catalogue case. A search by the staff did not bring it to light and the prisoner was then taken to the company's office by the police and he pointed out where it was. A black velvet mask was also found in the man's possession so that if he had not been arrested he would have been well equipped for all emergencies. A testimonial if it were forthcoming as a map and pistol had other plans been adopted.

The arrested man speaks English and dresses in the European style of clothing.

ACTING PUISNE JUDGE.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE EXPRESSED.

Mr. J. H. B. Nihill sat for the first time in the Summery Court yesterday morning as Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood being now the acting Chief Justice during the absence on Home leave of Sir Henry Gollan.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, who (with Mr. L. D. Turner) appeared in the first case before His Honour said:—I understand it is the privilege of my friend and myself to appear before you for the first time as Puisne Judge, and we express the hope that we may appear before you when sitting in the "big" (Supreme) Court at some period later on.

ARREST IN A BANK.

ATTEMPT TO PASS FORGED CHEQUE.

RESULT OF A ROBBERY.

IMPUDENT SERIES OF THEFTS AT A.P.C. BUILDING.

PARLIAMENT DEBATES THE CHINA CRISIS.

PRONOUNCEMENTS BY MR. CHURCHILL AND EARL BALFOUR.

HANKOW INCIDENTS NOT TO RECUR AT SHANGHAI.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE SUPPORTS THE GOVERNMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Commons Debates.

LONDON, February 9th. In the House of Commons on the resumed debate on the Address, Mr. J. H. Thomas endorsed Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's remarks regarding China.

Mr. Lloyd George said he was delighted at the line taken by Mr. Stanley Baldwin yesterday. He was glad that the Government was determined not to interfere with the rival factions, and he thought that Sir Austen Chamberlain's course would redound to the credit of himself and the country.

He declared that if the Washington undertaking to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial administrative integrity of China had not been redeemed, Sir Austen Chamberlain was not entirely to blame for it as he had to secure the co-operation of other Powers.

American and Japanese Forces Close By.

He agreed that the Government was bound to act if there were a real peril at Shanghai and, after the events at Hankow, it was impossible to evacuate the British population from Shanghai. Nevertheless, he hoped it would be possible to avoid landing troops at Shanghai. "It is all very well for Japan to say that it is not sending troops but her distance from China was comparatively short, and, similarly, American forces were not far from Shanghai." He asked whether Mr. O'Malley or Sir Miles Lampson had been asked about the landing.

A Thing No Government Could Face.

As to the despatch of armed forces to China, while this had undoubtedly complicated the situation, he thought it would have betrayed their trust if they had not taken every step which their advisers thought necessary to protect British life and property in Shanghai. There was one thing that could not possibly be faced by this or any other British Government, whether Conservative, Labour or Liberal. That was the possibility of leaving men of our own race and blood to the danger of massacre without doing everything for their defence and protection, within our power.

Mr. Churchill's Reply.

Replying on behalf of the Government, Mr. Winston Churchill, referring to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's and Mr. Lloyd George's utterances on China, said that the Government knew it could rely on the greatest measure of support, far beyond the limits of their own party, as long as the policy was limited to safeguarding British life, and not perverted or distorted for any ulterior motives or ambitions. He added that troop movements would be in accordance with the advice of representatives on the spot, but they had been told their responsibility was limited to the protection of British life and that they would be supplied with troops for that purpose and no other.

He criticised the Labour Party for cabling to Mr. Eugene Chen, and contended that it was much better that the responsible Government should be the sole channel, and that any attempt to build beneath the official diplomacy tended to increase the elements of fundamental division, which it was the duty of every citizen to reduce.

Replying to Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Churchill said that the Government did not pretend to be able to give a decided judgment as regards the outcome of the fighting between the Cantonese and Marshal Sun Chuen Fang's troops. The danger to Shanghai might pass, but on the contrary it was possible that a beaten army might pour in the city with victors at their heels. They must leave the judgment of actual danger to the representatives on the spot, in whom the Government had trust. He mentioned Sir Miles Lampson and also Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt. If there was no immediate danger, the Government was quite willing to leave a Brigade at Hong Kong, subject to the advice of representatives who, for the protection of the British, would be supplied with all the troops needed. As regards the rival forces in China, the British policy was to offer conciliation and try to get justice and reasonable consideration for our nationals, but not to load the scales or allow any preconceived or European opinions to enter into the matter. Our policy was to keep clear.

Mr. Philip Snowden associated himself with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's references to China. The debate was adjourned.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

THE HOUSE OF LORDS. EARL BALFOUR ON "A PRE-POSTEROUS NOTION"

LONDON, February 9th. The Earl of Balfour dealt with the aspects of the Chinese situation, in the House of Lords, in response to a request of Lord Parmoor. (Labour.)

Earl Balfour expressed satisfaction that Lord Parmoor and other leaders of the Opposition had given no encouragement whatever to the preposterous notion that the despatch of British troops to the Far East, whether wise or unwise, had anything to do with some opus of imperial policy or territorial conquest. "The very idea was absurd."

No sane man had ever thought that an aggressive policy in China could be carried out, or would be carried out by any Government in this country.

Earl Balfour admitted that the present position had arisen from the unfortunate delay in the ratification of the result of the Washington Conference after which it was agreed to negotiate for the revision of the treaties with China.

No Chinese Government.

But he pointed out that, though at the time of the Washington Conference there was a Chinese Government, when the Powers were prepared to deal with the situation the Chinese Government was in the process of dissolution and, long before any decision had been arrived at the Chinese Government had altogether vanished. There was no single authority with whom we could deal, but in the place of a Government there were six independent Generals or War Lords, following and animated by their own separate motives and not animated by any single political or national duty, but each fighting with another. There was no possibility of negotiating with any single unit at all. That was a situation with which no Foreign Secretary had ever been faced before.

No Looting Of Shanghai.

Reverting to the despatch of British troops, Earl Balfour pointed out that at Shanghai there was an immense community whose members could not possibly be removed from a sphere of danger, as had been done in the case of the people in more remote parts. Had it ever been possible they would have had to leave behind vast pecuniary interests, lawfully acquired, subject to the looting of mob or to robbery by better constituted authority. The only possible course to avoid that danger was to send troops within reach of the scene of any possible danger to safeguard our interests. With the example of Hankow before us we were not justified in sending troops within a prospective distance of Shanghai. If any disaster occurred at Shanghai, at all comparable with that which happened at Hankow, the Government would have stood before the country and the bar of history as having been most grossly neglectful of the most obvious duties of government. In these difficulties, the Government must take a plain course of duty and not, as Mr. Lloyd George said, despite the difficulties of negotiating today, the Government were still most anxious to carry out the spirit of the Washington Agreement and to make such unilateral arrangements as could be made with regard to the revision of treaties.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LEAVE SHANGHAI TO ITS FATE!

LABOURS VIEW OF THE PROBLEM.

LONDON, February 9th. The Labour Party's amendment to the Address, which is being moved by Mr. C. F. Trevelyan tomorrow, regards the Government's delay in dealing with the Chinese situation, deplores the despatch of armed forces to the Far East which are calculated not only to increase the risks to which British subjects in various parts of China are exposed but will put obstacles in the way of an equitable and permanent friendly understanding with the Chinese people on the basis of the frank recognition of their national independence, and invites the House to call for the immediate diversion and recall of the troops en route to China.

THE TASK OF OUR TROOPS.

SIR PHILIP CHETWODE'S WARNING.

ONE ACT CAN UNDO WORK OF MONTHS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 10th.

Inspecting two batteries of artillery who are embarking for China on Saturday, Sir Philip Chetwode, G.O.C. Aldershot, urged them to remember that some small loss of temper or some trifling deed might incite a mob of Chinese and that the incident might have the effect of undoing patient negotiations carried on for months by the British Government. "See to it," he concluded, "that nothing happens to interfere with the policy of our Government."

WAR AREA REPORTS.

BATTLE IN HANGCHOW AREA CONTINUES.

SOUTHERNERS' CLAIM SUCCESS.

No reliable news of the situation in Chekiang is available, but according to native sources fighting that may very well decide the fate of Hangchow and Shanghai is in progress.

The Southerners are, in accordance with military custom, claiming success and defeat on the part of the enemy. No news from European sources is available.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 10th.

According to a Chinese telegram telegraphic communication between Shanghai and Hangchow has been cut off. It is believed that as a result of the recent fighting in Chekiang the Southerners are threatening Hangchow but no details as to the situation are available at present.

AMERICA APPROVES INTERVENTION IN SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 10th.

In view of the refusal by both the Southern and Northern Governments to accept the American Minister's proposal to exclude Shanghai from the war area, the American Government has expressed the view that the Powers should put in force their respective plans to protect the property and lives of their nationals in China—Chinese Telegram.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 10th.

As to the Chekiang situation, heavy firing continues at Tangle, about 40 miles south of Hangchow but the upshot of the fighting is not reported.

According to reports in Canton papers (which can be taken for the very little they are worth), General Pak Pao Shan, a subordinate of Marshal Sun Chuen Fang and one who was in charge of recent operations against the Southerners in Chekiang, has decided to go over to the Kuomintang side.

THE HONAN POSITION.

WHY FENGIENTSE TROOPS ARE BEING SENT.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 10th.

According to a Chinese telegram from Shanghai, Marshal Chang Tso Lin has sent a circular telegram to a number of Marshal Wu's generals—Kao Ying Chi, Tan Wei Chin, Chin Yun Ao and Chi Shih Yuan—to the effect that in compliance with Marshal Sun Chuen Fang's request, he is despatching Fengientse troops to Honan to reinforce Marshal Wu. Pei Fu who has for a long time wanted to launch an attack on the Southern forces who are now invading the southern portion of Honan. In order to clear up misunderstanding on the part of Marshal Wu's followers, he asserts that his sole purpose in sending Fengientse troops to Honan is to co-operate with Marshal Wu's forces in rounding up all troops in Honan and in attacking Wu-Han.

SOUTHERN ARMY TO FIGHT WU PEI FU.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 10th.

It is reported from Hankow by a Chinese telegram that the main body of the Kuomintang forces under Generals Tang Seng Chi and Liu Chao Lung have been ordered to advance up to Sunyang, about 60 miles north of Wusungkan in Honan, with a view to meeting the allied forces of Chang Tso Lin and Wu Pei Fu.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

BRITISH AND ITALIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

H.M.S. Coventry, the only cruiser of the First Cruiser Squadron which has not arrived in Hong Kong, is not calling here. She has proceeded direct to Shanghai. The troopship, the s.s. Sirhan, with a regiment of Punjab on board, is expected in the Colony today, passing through on her way to Shanghai. As far as can be ascertained there is no intention to disembark the troops here.

CRUISER AND TRANSPORT.

The Daily Telegraph says that Italy is despatching to the Far East the 10,000-ton cruiser San Giorgio. The 1,500 marines, if sent, will probably be carried on an accompanying transport. The San Giorgio is likely to fly the flag of an Admiral.

(Continued on next column.)

THE MILITARY PROBLEM.

SHANGHAI IN CIVIL WAR CENTRE.

POSSIBLE FLOODS OF BEATEN TROOPS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, Feb. 10th.

The Foreign Secretary who has not participated in the Parliamentary debates on China during the past two days will to-day reply for the Government on the debate in the House of Commons on the Labour Party amendment to the Address in reply to the King's Speech.

The Government policy has in the meanwhile been fully explained in both Houses and in the Commons last night Mr. Winston Churchill replied to Mr. Lloyd George's inquiry regarding the military situation. He said that although at present uncertain and obscure a situation might arise in which all danger to Shanghai had passed away. On the other hand they might have a situation in which masses of troops of a defeated army would come pouring into Shanghai possibly with the victors at their heels.

They must leave judgment of actual danger to British lives in Shanghai to their representatives on the spot. Sir Miles Lampson was in touch with all development of the Chinese situation, and Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, the Naval Commander-in-Chief, was "one of the most determined and at the same time one of the most cool and sober-minded officers in the navy. They must be guided as to the actual movement of troops by advice of these authorities. They had been told explicitly that their responsibility was solely limited to protection of British life. In that name they would be supplied with what troops they needed and for no other purpose of any sort or kind. The British Government were going to look after only their own vital affairs in Shanghai. Their policy with regard to the different forces in China was to offer conciliation to all parties and to get justice and reasonable consideration from them for British nationals and not to load scales or let European prejudices enter into the matter one way or another."

ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC WITH SHANGHAI.

FORTUNE IN 18 MONTHS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, February 9th.

The police chief has discovered that two persons, one Polish and the other Chilean, have been carrying on the drug traffic with Shanghai. They are said to have amassed, in eighteen months, a fortune of several million francs, which has been deposited in London and Basel. It has been found impossible to seize these funds, but 300,000 francs in the course of transfer have been seized, also seventy kilograms of heroin. A Mulhouse firm is said to be implicated in the affair.

OPIMUM CONVENTION RATIFIED BY POLAND.

WARSAW, February 9th.

The Diet has ratified the International Opium Convention.

OBITUARY.

MR. C. D. WALCOTT.

LEADING AMERICAN SCIENTIST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW YORK, February 9th.

The death is announced of the eminent American scientist, Mr. Charles Doolittle Walcott.

SIR JAMES KEMNAL.

LONDON, February 9th.

The death is announced of Sir James Kemnal, F.R.S.E., the Managing Director of the famous firm of Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox, Ltd.

ON THE YANGTZE.

BRITISH STEAMERS FIRED ON.

ICHANG, February 9th.

The strike of the godown coolies continues. About seventy missionaries left for Hankow to-day. British steamers bound down river are being fired upon by soldiers in junks requiring passage.

HOSTILE NATIONALIST GENERAL.

CHANGSHA, February 9th.

General Tang Seng Chi, the Nationalist leader, who has recently taken over command here, is showing marked anti-British propensities. Prisoners were brought in to-day from Changsha.

HANKOW STRIKE DEFERRED.

HANKOW, February 9th.

The strike of house-boys, arranged for to-day, has been deferred until Sunday. The situation is quiet.

RUSSIA'S EVIL INFLUENCE.

BRITISH MINISTER'S PLAIN SPEAKING.

HOW IT AFFECTS CHINA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, February 9th.

Brief Ministerial references to Russian influence in China were made in both Houses. Lord Balfour said he was inclined to agree with Lord Parmoor that whatever might happen in China there would never be a Soviet Republic there. But that did not mean that the Cantonese Government or some other government would not take advantage of any military help, diplomatic advice, money or arms which Russia would give them and a great deal may also have been learned by the Chinese regarding propaganda which had not been fully known before. He detected signs indicating manipulation of most violent some of which was not wholly of Chinese origin.

Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons forcibly emphasised the government's attitude towards Russia. He said that the Foreign Secretary in reviewing whole position in the last session stated that the government were under no illusions as to what was taking place and that there was no lack of propaganda. He had also explained why the government considered that they should maintain the relationship that had been established. No new decision had been taken although obviously these matters called for examination at frequent intervals. The Government believed this country to be the object of insidious hostile propaganda.

INTRIGUES IN POLAND.

NO USE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIEF WORK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WARSAW, February 9th.

The Soviet Commercial Mission in Warsaw has proposed to the Association of Polish Textile Manufacturers in the Lodz district the formation of Polish-Soviet export organisation to supply China and the Far East with Polish textiles, thus profiting from the Chinese boycott of British textiles. It is pointed out in this connection that Lodz manufacturers are financed to a certain extent by British capital, also that Polish business men's experiences in trading with the Soviets have hitherto not been very encouraging. Moreover, it is impossible for Polish traders to give long-term credits, which would probably be necessary. The acceptance of the Soviet proposals is therefore uncertain.

CALLOUS TOWARDS HUMAN SUFFERING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, February 9th.

M. Litvinoff has written a letter to the Secretary General of the League of Nations in which the Soviet refuses to participate in the Geneva Conference for the formation of an international relief organisation, intended to give assistance in the event of any great national disaster. M. Litvinoff even returned the League's invitation.

CHILE REJECTS BOLSHEVISM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 9th.

A message from Santiago de Chile says the Cabinet has resigned. Colonel Carlos Ibanez, Minister of War, the so-called strong man of Chile, is forming a new Government. He declares that a strong Government is necessary to combat the spread of Bolshevism in Chile.

BRITISH SEAMEN AND LABOUR NONSENSE.

BOGUS POLICY OF "HANDS OFF CHINA."

PROTECTION OF OUR SHIP-PING DEMANDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 9th.

A resolution condemning the action of the members of the General of the Trade Union Congress "for supporting the bogus policy of 'Hands off China,'" was passed at meetings of seamen at Hull, Manchester, Salford, South Shields and Newport. The resolution declares that the "said policy embraces a demand for the Government to leave British nationals in the Far East unprotected and to cease the despatch of adequate naval and military force to the scene of the trouble."

It emphasises that it is essential that seamen should be guaranteed immunity from interference by foreign aggression while engaged in the legitimate occupation of carrying on the trade and commerce of the Empire, and that recent acts of piracy and barter against British ships in Chinese waters fully justify the great apprehension of the seafaring classes with regard to their future security, both as regards the freedom of the high seas and immunity from acts of violence whilst their ships are in Eastern ports.

BUYING US UP.

U.S.A. POLITICIAN'S KINDLY OFFER.

TO PROTECT THE PANAMA CANAL.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10th.

In the course of a speech in the House of Representatives, Mr. Hamilton Fish, junior, advocated the purchase of European possessions in the Caribbean Sea and Central and South America with a view to the adequately protection of the Panama Canal and also to lifting the burden of war debts from Britain and France. He declared that the United States would willingly to pay ten times the appraised value of such possessions, even if we cancelled hundreds of millions of debt owed to us by Britain and half as much again on the French debt it would be worth it in the long run.

[British possessions affected would probably be:

Jamaica, one of our oldest and most historic possessions having been taken from Spain during the Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell. It area is 4,907 square miles and population 853,118 (14,478 whites). British Honduras, on the Mainland, about 8,598 square miles. Population 45,317. British Guiana, 86,430 square miles; population 301,000. The Cayman Islands, Area 225 square miles, population 3,390. Trinidad (the home of Mr. Eugene Chen) and Tobago. Area 1,892 square miles. Population 365,000.]

FIRE AT U.S. NAVY YARD.

GUNS AND WARE HOUSES DESTROYED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10th.

A serious fire has occurred in the Navy Dockyard. Three warehouses were burned down and five anti-aircraft guns were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

TRANS-ATLANTIC WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

COMMERCIALLY SUCCESSFUL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10th.

The first month's operation of trans-Atlantic Wireless Telephone communication has been a commercial success. The receipts satisfactorily exceeded the expenditure and the proportion of American to British calls was nine to five.

IMPORTANT BANKING APPOINTMENT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10th.

Mr. Gates McGarrath has been appointed chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. It is expected that before he takes up his post he will confer with the heads of the Bank of England, the Banque de France and the German Reichsbank.

THE WORLD COURT.

AMERICA TOO PROUD TO JOIN.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10th.

The period for which the debt-funding commission was appointed has expired. The Senate by 59 votes to 10 rejected a motion to renege a resolution adhering to the World Court. Senator Borah was of opinion that this action was unnecessary as foreign Governments had already indicated that they were unable to accept American reservations with regard to their adherence to the court.

LIKE A SWITCHBACK.

AMERICAN RAIL STOCK SLUMP AND RALLY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9th.

Speculation in railways has received a decided shock. Wheeling and Lake Erie stock collapsed to 62.

The stampede spread to other rails.

Selling orders swept the market like a tidal wave.

LATER.

The market rallied sharply in the afternoon when Wheeling and Lake Erie rose to 85, closing at 80, a net loss of ten points on the day. Most of the other rails recovered partly or fully.

U.S. NAVY'S POVERTY.

CAN'T COMPETE FOR SCHNEIDER CUP.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9th.

Mr. Wilbur announces that owing to lack of funds the Navy will not compete in the Schneider Cup race at Venice this year.

ATTEMPTED REVOLUTION IN PORTUGAL.

CONTRADICTORY REPORTS.

THE REVOLT SUPPRESSED?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, February 10th.

Owing to censorship of news the situation in Portugal is still obscure. The Portuguese Embassy in London has made a statement declaring that the rebellion at Oporto was suppressed on Monday and minimising the gravity of the situation. But other messages allege that the rebels are gaining the ascendancy in Lisbon. Ships have been warned by wireless not to call and the insurrectionary movement is said to be spreading everywhere.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUEBY, February 10th.

The British destroyer Windsor to-day reports from Oporto that all has been quiet there since early on Tuesday. No British shipping has been damaged and several already loaded are leaving in the immediate future.

A wireless message from the British cruiser at Lisbon indicates that the Government forces have obtained possession of the arsenal there.

SHARP FIGHTING WITH REBELS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LISBON, February 10th.

A portion of the Republican Guard, the police and some naval ratings supported the revolution which began at noon on Monday. The insurgents erected barricades in various parts of the capital. The Government replied by ordering loyal detachments of the garrison to bombard the rebels intensively with field guns and machine-guns. At the same time several cruisers whose crews' loyalty was suspected were promptly disarmed. Meanwhile the rebels seized the Naval Arsenal and the General Post Office thus stopping news leaving the capital. At late yesterday night the insurgents entrenched in the arsenal surrendered after forty-four hours heavy bombardment in the course of which an aeroplane dropped three bombs terribly damaging the arsenal, the casualties including many non-combatants. Property was extensively damaged, but Lisbon is now entirely quiet and order has been restored all over the country.

TANGIER CONFERENCE OPENS.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, February 10th.

Receiving the Spanish delegates to the Tangier conference M. Briand said he wished for the realisation of an agreement in line with treaties already existing.

SIR FRANCIS AGLEN'S DISMISSAL.

SOME CHINESE REPORTS.

ADVISER TO THE ANKUO-CHUN?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, February 10th.

A Chinese telegram reports that Dr. Wellington Koo has called a private meeting at his residence of Cabinet Ministers including Wang Chung Hui and Lau Wan Kan who was lately appointed as Director-General of Chinese Customs. The dismissal of Sir Francis Aglen, the Inspector-General of Chinese Customs, was discussed, and Mr. Wang Chung Hui declared that to appease foreign resentment, it was advisable



The WOMAN'S PAGE

PYJAMAS, MALE AND FEMALE.

Were the horrid fact possible, the modern man would rather die than admit to wearing a nightshirt. He looks ridiculous, and knows it, and when he finally realized the atrocity, he was too ashamed to do anything less than completely cast out the mote, beam, and even the eye itself. Thus, by revolution, came he to reason. Had he followed the mentality of the female, he would have shortened the one garment into a smock, and added partly hidden trousers, but not suddenly he tore it up, and about thirty years ago copied, and improved on, the oriental garments called Pyjamas.

Woman smiled at his funny little foibles, and lengthened her nightgowns till their ends could be tucked round her feet, in winter time, and sweep the floor gracefully when she walked. Then came, the war, and

AND PHILOSOPHIC SAUCES.

Two new cookery books are an ideal gift, and just as good companions on a journey as they are at home. The first is "Clarissa" or "The Old Cook," with a preface by A.B. Walkley and there is nothing old in it. Here are no lists of recipes, but gentle essays on how to enjoy, and how to prepare, nearly all the perfect food in the world. Alas, there are less than two hundred pages, and no fully alive and rational being could close the cover until each word has been devoured. The anonymous writer being French, has suffered in translation, but surely something quaint and leisurely has survived the process, and so simple is the language that it gives an air of that, the average English housewife leaves undreamed. But why? In this, and so many arts the first struggle is the necessity to tear up one's prejudices, and believe that *Sole au Gratin* and *Chicken à la Nantaise* should be every bit as good served at home as when partaken in a drafty restaurant, always providing the same directions are faithfully followed, and the epicure remembers that a dish is as often a mood and nothing more, which explains why it is difficult to recapture the flavour of one we have enjoyed long ago elsewhere, and also the appetite and appreciation supplied by youth. It is we who have changed.

Chicken à la Saint Menchould.

Singe, draw, and truss a chicken. Put it in a casserole with a piece of butter, a glass of good white wine, salt, pepper, garlic, a sprig of parsley, shallot, and two cloves. Cook on a slow fire and, when made, add the Dutch sauce to the chicken, which should be gently browned with egg and breadcrumbs just before serving. Dutch sauce. For this you need four very fresh yolks of egg (six in Hong Kong) half a pound of butter, and a tablespoonful of water. Put these three ingredients into an earthen pan and stir them together until the butter slowly melts. The sauce should become thick like mayonnaise, and when it has risen, you add, after the salt and pepper, vinegar, or lemon juice according to taste. With the dish may well be served potatoes and mushrooms. Choose small potatoes, and when they are cooked put them in a stew pan with spring onions, Chinese dried mushrooms which have previously been soaked in bouillon, chopped shallots, and a piece of butter. Warm this and add seasoning a pinch of flour, and moisten with the mushroom bouillon. When the sauce is sufficiently cooked bind it with the yolks of two eggs.

Doubtless the reader thinks "what a waste of white of egg, and I detest meringues." So you may, but Chestnut gateau is a very different matter, and your six or eight whites quickly disappear. Boil your chestnuts. When they are cooked, take them from the water one by one with a spoon, and squeeze them between finger and thumb until the pulp drops into a deep dish. This done, moisten with water, sweetened with half its bulk of sugar. Mash and knead thoroughly. The sugared water and the pulp of chestnuts should make a smooth paste. Dissolve ten bars of chocolate for two lbs. of chestnuts in a very little water, so as to make a thick cream. When it is nearly cold mix in the whites of your eggs, left over from the foregoing recipes, a lump of butter, and a glass of rum, and spread on a cake foundation, first a layer of chestnuts, and then a layer of chocolate alternately, being careful to leave the gateau with a covering of chocolate cream. One more word from "Clarissa." She quotes Bril-lant-Savarin:

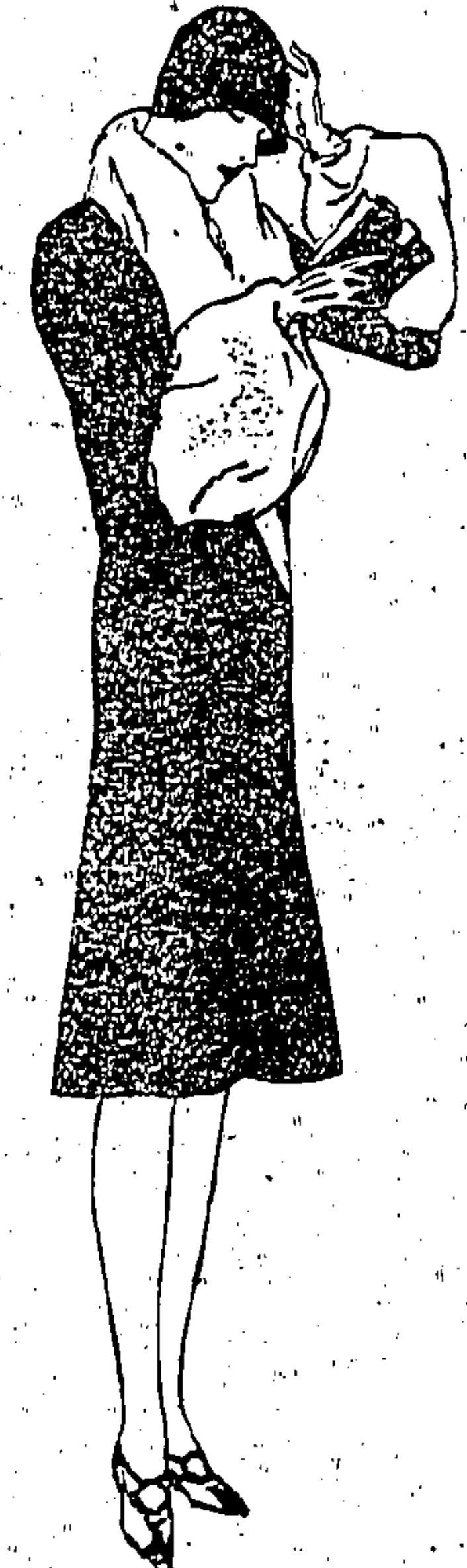
"Mutual appreciation of good food has a more marked influence on happiness than anything else in married life."

illustration of the garment described above, but her remarks provided a new line of thought:

"I had some ripping pyjamas for Christmas, they look like *Repulse*. Bay on a gala night, Alison got some too, but I think she ought to give them away, no woman over thirty should wear pyjamas!" Out of the mouths of babes and

THE SHAWL.

So much could be written about the local product, and so many warnings could be given of quality, and design. Quite recently I saw an entirely new idea, which had come direct from Spain, and been actually made to order there and seen in the making. So many Cantonese shawls are shipped to Spain and from there reshipped as a product of that artistic country that one has to enquire into the credentials before purchasing. This particular garment was made of thick silk net embroidered all over in darning stitch. The flowers were from the smallest possible up to about eight inches across, and simply scattered over the entire surface. The effect was lovely beyond description, and there is no reason why any woman, handy with a needle, should not make one for quite a small sum.



The Bishop sleeve appears in fur. A smart coat for chilly weather.

The net must be of the strongest and finest and cut from new stock before the damp has got at it. A bagful of odd ends of fine silk thread of every soft shade could be purchased quite easily, and the design can be transferred on to the silk from any book of embroidery. The same effect could be obtained by buying a Spanish lace shawl at Port Said, and embroidering over the rose pattern in the black lace. Worn as an adjunct to a black chiffon frock it was a great success. The original idea of the native designer in Canton was very crude, and no attention was paid to perspective, or to contrast in colour. The huge cabbage roses still exhibited in the local shops, would be more acceptable if they were simply left in the rose design without further elaboration of peacocks and green leaves, butterflies, and beetles. The long fringe is not suited to every carriage and figure, and often becomes a nuisance when uncontrolled. It is still possible to get a shawl made to order through any of the good stores, and the weight and size can then be selected.

FOR THE RACES.

MORE AND MORE BAGS.

For long enough there has been talk of uniform for women, and while protesting loudly that such an idea is ridiculous and undesirable in every way, the manufacturers and buyers strain every effort to produce much the same result by the strange hold of fashion. Two years ago in the Riviera, one saw the streets and restaurants teeming with women whose clothes were as uniform as any Chinese family group. White *crêpe de chine* pleated frocks, each embroidered with an initial on the pocket on the left breast, each carrying a scarlet leather bag, and for the hat there were but two alternatives, either red or white, and fitting the head like a skull cap. Since then the colour fashion has changed to beige, and bois du rose, and the next combination is almost certain to be navy blue, and deep rose, and here there may be a slight extravagance and variance for the black and white combination is laying claim to the kingdom.

When I visited Lane, Crawford's Ladies' Department the force of these truths was made plain. Hidden away in a drawer were one dozen of the most beautiful bags ever seen in Hong Kong. All of them original in colour and shape, perfect in workmanship, the linings superb, and better than all these things to the thinking buyer is the fact that they were made entirely in England. This trade, that has been the monopoly of France for so long, has now come on to the market in every respect an equal to the continental competitor, and that is good news indeed.

The only strangeness seemed to be in their being hidden away in a secret drawer, and the solution was quickly forthcoming: "Oh, we cannot show them before their frocks arrive! These are for the races, and everything must be in perfect keeping." One improvement is everything. The ensemble is entirely new, is the placing of a mirror on the outside of the bag, held securely in a fob. This avoids the necessity of opening, and disclosing the total contents to the inquisitive gaze of the cavalier. A touch here and there adjusts the line of hair, and eyebrow, and in these days powder is of such quality that it is unnecessary to repowder often.

Some bags were of black moiré with the satin stripe much wider than heretofore. There were some in velvet finished leather of pale fawn, and some of neutral colour cowhide, or imitation snakeskin grained with red, or blue. An original bag was of envelope shape entirely worked in cross stitch in raffia on canvas, brown, green, and red being the chosen colourings. One cannot describe them all, but it would not be fair to ignore the envelope bag of black silk entirely covered with a floral design executed in pen-painting. I did not find familiarity breeding contempt or indifference, it was a difficult matter to leave that scintillating garden of bag to be adored by some other.

CUSHIONS.

Of all soft furnishings cushions are amongst the most attractive to make at home, and few additions so pleasantly brighten an atmosphere of which the owner has tired. Square or round cushions can be bought ready for covering, and the more original shapes can easily be made up in lining, stuffed, and then covered with the desired material. Use a closely woven material for making the lining, and for a bolster shape cut two circles for the ends about nine inches in diameter. The size of the straight piece that joins these circles will vary with the size of the cushion, and the simplest plan is to tack it on all round, and then cut it.

Beginning from the corner of the material tack the selvedge edge round one of the circles, taking care not to ease or gather it. When the ends meet cut the stuff off straight leaving a strong turning for the length of the pillow. Tack the other end to the second circle, which will exactly fit, and tack up the straight seam on the side, leaving a hole for the stuffing. The gap is easier to fix if it is left in the middle of the seam rather than at one end.

Oval cushions are attractive for a sofa, or very large chair. Cut your two oval pieces and join them with a strip on the straight. This allows for more decorative effects in the outer cover than if you joined the outer edges direct, and it gives a finished shape to the cushion. The best local filling is kapok, price about eighty cents a catty. It is a good plan to rub the inside with a dry cake of soap as the damp does not affect the silk so readily, and the stuffing cannot find a way through. The outer can be finished in a variety of ways with tucks, ruchings, or a careful combination of colours and may be finished with tassels or fringe. A heavy cord is a tidy edging, or plaited strips of the silk. Piping is always used. It keeps the colours in place, and the piped cushion retains its shape better than the un-cared for sack. It should always be used on either side of a band of ruching.

There are so many Hong Kong shops with frequent sales that it is an easy and inexpensive matter to find a large remnant for a dollar or two, or two small ones for the same price. The Pioneer Store keep a box of short clean remnants, and "The Sign of the Lantern" will always undertake the making in any shape, and supply a lamp-shade to match. With these two accessories and a change of a picture one corner of the room can be made quite new without wasting time or money.

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CRICKET NOTES.

The match on the Club ground last Saturday was a very interesting one and there was quite a thrilling finish. It is possible that shock of being put in by the Single shock the Married up. All the same they managed, thanks to Pearce, Bridgeland and Gardner, to collect a useful 200, though three very useful bats—Hayward, Morris (who had a bad patch), and Evers—failed to come off. But the bowling of the Married was pretty weak, and the Single pulled it off, though only by one wicket.

Last Week's League Games.

The Civil Service threw away practically all their chance of finishing top, by failing to beat Navy when they had them cold. As usual a dropped catch—a sitter in the last over but two—lost the game, but the bowling was not, in my opinion managed well. As is so usual in Hong Kong the first two bowlers were kept on far too long. Ling especially was bowled until nearly 60 runs were on the board. It is true he was not bowling badly, but he was helping the men to play themselves in, and he was tiring himself. The consequence was that when he was put on the second time he could bowl nothing but the simplest stuff with no zip or devil in it. Truth be told, the change bowlers of C.S. have a dog's life. It was particularly hard lines on Sayer to have his brilliant century wasted. It was singularly reminiscent of the 177 he made against the Gunners about four or five years ago. It is true he was dropped at the wicket off his second ball, if the catch had gone on the first slip, it would probably have been held, as it was wide for Venn, and a couple of overs later he was lucky to steer another from Besty shoulder high through the slips without going to hand. But outside this he played a magnificent cricket, scoring his runs in 65 minutes only. Fincher played nice cricket for 68 not out.

The Second Division.

The poor old Hong Kong Second got a bad beating from the University II, but they were two short. But I confess I never expected Tamar to put it across the Kowloon second string. But Tamar appear to have their ears well back at present, and I should not be entirely surprised to see them beat H.K.C.C. II. to-morrow.

Mid-Week Match.

I had omitted to state that the Navy showed very excellent form on the Friday of last week in beating the University on the ground of the latter. Venn, Emery, and Shaw are all doing well, the former having recovered apparently from his barren period of the previous three weeks or so.

The Table.

This win and the subsequent draw put the Navy up to third place, but the I.R.C. are only one point behind with one match more to play. Personally, barring surprise, I think Kowloon are pretty safe, provided they can beat C.S.C.C. to-morrow on their own ground. If a definite decision is reached either way, the winning side will probably win the League. But barring collapse a draw is likely. The Kowloon C.C. have a big advantage in playing on their own ground as they are at least fifty per cent. better there.

Craigengower are to be at home to the Navy and I expect the visitors will prove too strong. It will be interesting to see if any officers from the new Squadron turn out. I hear, however, it is unlikely as they are all busy.

The Chinese Recreation Club receive the R.E. and Signals and the game should be a very even one, if the Sappers can turn out their full side. I have heard a murmur, however, that they find their profession very enthralling just at present.

Second Division Fixtures.

The Civil Service Second have shown better form lately and an interesting game should take place on their ground with the Kowloon second team. I am always a doubtful of their batting, but if Sutherland can turn out he makes a tremendous difference. The Navy II. are supposed to be at home to "Varsity II.", but I expect the game will be transferred to the ground of the latter team. I had an idea this match had been played already, but unfortunately, at the moment of writing I have not a complete set of records available. The University should have a slightly better chance, I fancy, if the game is on their ground and vice versa.

The Crucial Game.

The spot game of the whole Second Division, however, is undoubtedly that between the Indians and the Police on the ground of the former. I have not seen enough of the Indians to size up the chances very accurately, but I think the home side will have a great advantage. Lacey is bowling very well this year, and if Alexander could get a little more steadiness he would be just as good. I strongly recommend those who like seeing keen, albeit not "too awfully much scientific" cricket to take a walk down Soekunpoo to-morrow. I wonder if the fierce and autocratic gent whom I reverently name (Continued at foot of next column).

THE SILVER SCREEN.

LA BOHEME AT THE QUEEN'S.

A lover of opera goes to see "La Bohème" after it has passed through the hands of a cinema producer, with some trepidation; but the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Company is to be most highly congratulated on giving thousands the pleasure that La Bohème, as opera, can give to comparatively few. The pathetic appeal of the story is often marred, even for music lovers, by the inappropriate physique and poor acting of operatic casts. But Lillian Gish is the Mimi you see if you shut your eyes and let Puccini's music tell the story. There is not a gesture to few or too many from beginning to end, it is as perfect an interpretation as that of Gwen Ffrangcon-Davis in the "Immortal Hour." Mimi for anyone who has seen this film will always wear the face of Lillian Gish whoever sings her songs.

The part of Rodolph is taken by John Gilbert who was prominent in "The Big Parade." He is even better as the Monmartois play-wright than as an American soldier. Few actors could have played what is to English eyes of 1927 a somewhat ridiculous part and make it so arresting and pathetic. Rodolph is exactly the type one sees in the Café de la Rotonde today, a handsome and romantic figure in his wide brimmed hat and flowing tie, alternately in the widest spirits or depths of despair. Yet you realise that here is a real man and real emotion.

Ronde Adorée is Musetta and again one feels no better choice of actress could have been made, and what is more, she subordinates herself to Mimi as the mezzo-soprano of the opera very seldom does. These are the stars, but all the casts is good particularly perhaps Matilde Cortmont as the concierge.

It is unfortunately rare to find a well known story improved by being screened, but there is no reason why with the greater possibilities the film offers they should not be. "La Bohème" has been improved. The second act for which the conventional stage setting is a somewhat Teutonic Bep Garden has been transferred to a woodland glade. Again Mimi's return when dying to Monmartre is intensely dramatic and pathetic on the screen whereas it is often somewhat unconvincing on the narrow confines of the stage.

There are only two points of regret and both might easily be remedied. One, the opening scene is rather too drawn out and the other is that the orchestra played ordinary cinema accompaniments instead of Puccini's subdued but heartrending music. "La Bohème" was shown to a crowded house last night and the silence of the audience proved the success of the film. It is on until Saturday, the 12th, and the prices are increased, but its well worth the extra. On Sunday and Monday of next week there is the story of a Modern Cinderella "The Dust Flower," which is to be followed on Tuesday and Wednesday by a delightful comedy "Dance Madness," and on Thursday to Saturday by an amusing picture of American college life called "Brown of Harvard."

At The World And Star. Jackie Coogan is at the World to-morrow and Saturday in "Long Live the King," and on Sunday and Monday is a picture you should not miss "The Ten Commandments" of which the earlier scenes of the Exodus and the parting of the Red Sea are particularly fine. This is followed by another import from the "Siegfried" which if you missed it when it was shown here before you should be sure to see this time. Thursday to Saturday take you back to modern life in America, in an amusing film called "Texas Streak."

You can see John Gilbert again in another rôle in "The Wife of the Centaur" at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow in film which rises above domestic drama or mere knock about to a great theme of the subconscious primitive beast which is lying more or less dormant in the nature of the civilized man of to-day. "Eleanor Broadman" is the wife of the "Centaur" and is admirably chosen to play a difficult part. On Sunday and Monday is a pirate story, of the South Sea Islands "Lost and Found." The two following days show a society drama with Viola Dana called "The Social Code," and from Thursday to Saturday "His Jazz Bride" whose moral is that dancing and thrills are not the best thing in life.

as "my Editor" will allow me a few words with the mathematical genius who does the averages—which sometimes get put next me. Might I suggest to him its quite time he altered the minimum number of innings to five—or at least four. In this cold weather I'm sure the unfortunate Hankey is getting perfectly frozen sitting up there at the top by himself. And "bowled in 4 matches at least." Averages are misleading enough as it is. I know, of course, that if there is a public which demands them, they have got to be supplied but in reason, please!

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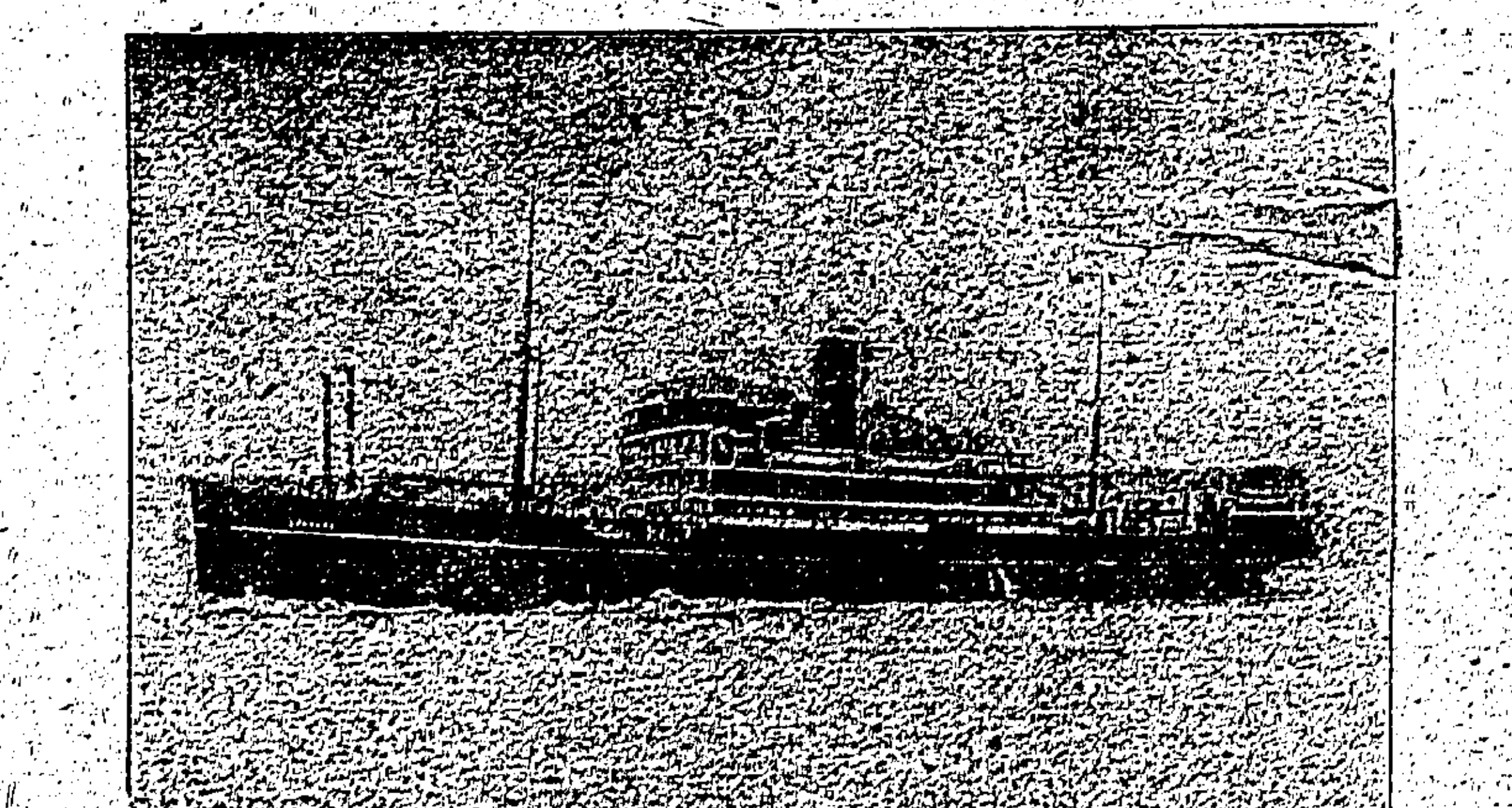
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI	"KANGHOU"	On 13th Feb.	Noon
TSINGTAO & DALY	"SUIYANG"	On 13th Feb.	6 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KALGAN"	On 13th Feb.	6 a.m.
BANGKOK	"TAKOOWANT"	On 13th Feb.	Noon
HONGKONG	"HUPEE"	On 13th Feb.	4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KWANGTUNG"	On 17th Feb.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIUKIANG"	On 17th Feb.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI	"OHINHUA"	On 17th Feb.	4 p.m.
TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 19th Feb.	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 24th Feb.	Noon

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ARRIVALS.

February 9th.
Fai Hu, Chinese str., 1,134 tons, Capt. J. Angsted, from Bangkok and Kohachang, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C13—Koon Seng.
Kut Sang, British str., 3,643 tons, Capt. V. McC. Liddell, from Osaka and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Sinking, British str., 1,615 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B9—B. & S.
Tairyu Maru, Japanese str., 1,320 tons, Capt. K. Inaba, from Canton, lying at buoy No. B51—Suzuki & Co.
Tak Ling, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf—Fook Ho S.S. Co.
February 10th.
Haining, British str., 832 tons, Capt. W. C. Fennore, from Foochow, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf—Douglas S.S. Co.
Ho Ping, Chinese str., 1,839 tons, Capt. T. Kotami, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B49—Yau Chan Lee.
Hydang, British str., 531 tons, Capt. Wm. Peritt, from Port Swettenham, with a general cargo, lying at Chin On Wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co.
Maud, Norwegian str., 1,351 tons, Capt. L. H. Stranger, from Bangkok, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C43—Thoresen & Co.
Tilawa, British str., 6,410 tons, Capt. Rowe, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

DEPARTURES.

February 10th.
Iwa Maru, for Singapore.
Oostker, for Shanghai.
Daviken, for Bangkok.
Haukffjell, for Chinwangtao.
Hupeh, for Canton.
Maud, for Canton.
Tairyu Maru, for Keelung.
Tjikembang, for Muntok.

CLEARANCES.

February 10th.
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IN TOUCH.

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Commanding the Empress of Scotland again this year is Captain R. C. Latta. The crew numbers 544, including 48 officers. Among the latter are Staff Captain R. N. Stuart, V.C., D.S.O., R.N.R.

IN TOUCH.

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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND	... Wednesday, Mar. 23rd, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT PIERCE	... Wednesday, Apr. 6th, 10.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT TAFT	... Wednesday, Apr. 20th, 10.00 a.m.

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PRESIDENT HAYES	... Tuesday, Mar. 29th, 8.00 a.m.
PRESIDENT FOLK	... Tuesday, Apr. 12th, 8.00 a.m.

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STRAITS & CALOUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Saturday, 12th Feb., at Noon.
BANGKOK	"KWAISANG"	Saturday, 12th Feb., at Noon.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG"	Sunday, 13th Feb., at 7 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"YATSEING"	Tuesday, 15th Feb., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALOUTTA	"SUISANG"	Tuesday, 15th Feb., at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAO via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING"	Wednesday, 16th Feb., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE	"LAISANG"	Wednesday, 16th Feb., at 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"MINGSANG"	Wednesday, 16th Feb., at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Thursday, 17th Feb., at 2 p.m.
OSAKA via SHANGHAI	"HOSANG"	Saturday, 19th Feb., at 7 a.m.
MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	Saturday, 19th Feb., at 8 p.m.
STRAITS & CALOUTTA	"CHIPSING"	Sunday, 20th Feb., at 7 a.m.
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Motor Vessel "GLENGLARRY"		18th February.
Motor Vessel "GLENGLARRY"		25th March.
Motor Vessel "GLENGLARRY"		31st March.
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M.V. "BOMOLO"	... From Hong Kong.	Sails 11th February
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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 23	Apr. 28	May 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 14	May 20	May 29
EMPERESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 4	June 10	June 19
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TATTOO MARU	Tuesday, 22nd March

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GINYO MARU	Saturday, 26th Feb., at Noon
ANYO MARU	Tuesday, 31st May, at Noon

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HAZAKI MARU	Saturday, 12th Feb., at 11 a.m.
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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 23rd Feb., at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 23rd March

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TATTOO MARU	Saturday, 12th Feb., at Noon
CALOUTTA MARU	Monday, 21st Feb.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

TOYOHAMA MARU	Friday, 11th March
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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

SEIYO MARU	Monday, 21st Feb.
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OSAKA MARU	Friday, 19th Feb.
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TANGO MARU	Friday, 19th Feb.
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SAILINGS FOR EUROPE VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID

M.V. "MUNSTERLAND"	sailing from here on or about the 5th March
S.S. "OLDENBURG"	sailing from here on or about the 20th March
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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Shipping Notes,
Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

DECREASE IN THROUGH CARGOES.

LOCAL IMPORTS BELOW AVERAGE.

General merchandise for ports beyond Hong Kong as shown on the manifests of the vessels arriving here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, was below the daily average.

There were 11 arrivals, but only seven discharged cargo here. The total amount of general cargo unloaded was 6,777 tons, of which, 1,885 tons were from three British steamers. Through freights amounted to 1,314 tons. This was carried on four vessels, three British steamers taking 714 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were: British, 4 arrivals and 3 departures; Japanese, 3 arrivals and 5 departures; Norwegian, 9 departures; Chinese, 2 arrivals and 3 departures; Dutch, 2 arrivals; German, 1 departure.

Vessels in port totalled 75, of which 38 were British.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The total number of dock passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 587.

The Dutch steamer *Abia*, which came into port yesterday from San Pedro, brought 8,706 tons of fuel oil for local consumption.The master of the A.P.C. steamer *Panza*, in a report to the Harbour Office, states that the light vessel in Tarakan, Borneo, has drifted to a position 3° 12' N., 117° 52' E.Firing practice will be carried out by H.M.S. *Caradoc* to-day at Mers Bay. The target will be South Gun Rock, at the South-Western entrance.At the Marine Court yesterday morning, the mistress and a foki of a cargo boat were each fined \$3 or three days' hard labour by Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Kola, for mooring abreast of five other craft alongside the s.s. *Daviken*.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. and Apear Line s.s. *Shirala* left Singapore for Hong Kong on Saturday morning, and is due here to-day (Friday), about noon.The s.s. *Oldenburg* (Hamburg-America Line), left Singapore on Wednesday morning, and is expected at Hong Kong on Tuesday (15th inst), at daylight. She will sail for Shanghai and Japan the following day.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.10 p.m., states:—

The anti-cyclone remains stationary over China and fresh monsoon will continue along the coast and over the northern China Sea.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Antenor (Blue Funnel), due March 2nd.

Adriatic (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 14th.

Calcutta (Blue Funnel), due March 17th.

Delhi (Swedish East Asiatic), due March 2nd.

Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due February 25th.

Eumacrus (Blue Funnel), due March 2nd.

Ector (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.

Lai Sang, due Sunday.

Meriones (Blue Funnel), due Feb. 18th.

Nagapore (P. & O.), due to-day, about noon.

Oldenburg, due February 15th, at daylight.

Polypheous (Blue Funnel), due March 8th.

President Jefferson (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 10th.

President McKinley (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 15th.

President Monroe (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 14th.

President Taft (D.S. and A.M.L.), due to-day.

President Wilson (D.S. and A.M.L.), due February 17th.

Rhesnor (Blue Funnel), due March 1st.

Shirala (B.I. & Apear), due to-day about noon.

Troilus (Blue Funnel), due March 13th.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, Feb. 10th.

Previous On Date On Date

Day at 2 p.m. 6 a.m. 3 p.m.

Barometer... 30.33 30.38 30.24

Temperature... 60 71 56

Humidity... 60 71 56

Wind... NE NNE SE

Direction... NE NNE SE

Force... 2 1 1

Weather... 0 0 0

Rain... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 9th: 55

Lowest open-air Temperature, 10th: 46

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning;

M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 11th to 17th, 1927.

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week. Date of Month. Time. Height. Time. Height.

Fri. 11 m. 6.32 a.m. 1.11 p.m.

Sat. 12 m. 5.58 a.m. 1.11 p.m.

Sun. 13 m. 6.32 a.m. 1.11 p.m.

Mon. 14 m. 6.32 a.m. 1.11 p.m.

Tues. 15 m. 6.32 a.m. 1.11 p.m.

Wed. 16 m. 6.32 a.m. 1.11 p.m.

Thurs. 17 m. 6.32 a.m. 1.11 p.m.

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CORCOS ... 14th Jan. 16th Feb. 15th Feb.

PAUL LECAT ... 14th Jan. 16th Feb. 15th Feb.

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From	Per	Date
Bombay via Nagasaki (letters only), London, 13th Jan.	Shirata	11th Feb.
Manila	Pres. Taft	11th Feb.
Shanghai	Nagasaki	11th Feb.
JAPAN, SHANGHAI & EUROPE via SINGAPORE	Hakodate Maru	11th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Suisung	12th Feb.
SHANGHAI & EUROPE via SINGAPORE	Kiatsang	12th Feb.
Bombay via Nagasaki (papers only), London, 13th Jan.	Loising	13th Feb.
U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Monroe	14th Feb.
U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. McKinley	15th Feb.
U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Wilson	17th Feb.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Tango Maru	18th Feb.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Jefferson	19th Feb.
U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Chango Maru	20th Feb.
SYRIATE	Komo Maru	21st Feb.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Hakodate Maru	25th Feb.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Emp. of Asia	25th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Swatow & Amoy	Kiatsang	Friday, 11th
Fort Bayard	Hydrangea	130 P.M.
Shanghai	Uleamoy	400 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Nagasaki	500 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via	Hakodate Maru	Saturday, 12th
Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13th Mar.	Letters	8.45 A.M.
Singapore	Typonas	10.00 A.M.
Singapore	Koying	10.00 A.M.
Singapore & Calcutta	Parcels	10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow	Hoi Ning	11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco—due San Francisco, 8th March	Pres. Taft	Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow	Hoi Ning	3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Pres. Taft	4.15 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow	Hoi Ning	5.00 P.M.
Swatow	Hoi Ning	5.30 A.M.
Swatow	Komkoo	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Emp. of Scotland	9.00 A.M.
Amoy	Suisung	Monday, 14th
Bangkok	Suisung	5.00 P.M.
Manila	Suisung	5.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via	Parcels	5.00 P.M.
Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 25th M.	Changie	Reg. 15th, 9.45 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow	Hoi Ning	Tuesday, 15th
Straits & Calcutta	Sui Sang	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via	Sphinx	1.45 P.M.
Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13th Mar.	Letters	2.30 P.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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Hong Kong, 27th May, 1926. [25]

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
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H. MORI, Manager.
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